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OF

1695.

[*From January 1 to December 31, 1695.*]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY* [$169\frac{4}{5}$]——

[The Diary and Consultation [. . .] of the Hon^ble^: Nathaniell Higginson E[sq^r^] and Governour &ca., Councill theire pro[ceedings] and Transactions for affaires of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: English East India Company in y^e^: Presidency of the Coast of Choromandel begun primo [January] 1694–95.] [Factory Records, Fort St. George, vol. viii.]

Dispatched a generall lett^r^: to Fort St. David of y^s^: date, adviseing our intentions of sending shipp Lon[don] thither with broad Cloth, Cloth rashes, Perpetuanoes, and other necessaries the[y] formerly wrote for. 1.

Received a lett^r^: from our Braminy att y^e^: Camp adviseing Zulphaker Cawn has sent to Wanderwash for the treas[ure] and his wives to be brought to him att Suddania and [that the] King has given Shaallum his Eldest Sonn not only his [. . .] but a gift of 80 Lack of Mohurs and 500 Persia Horses (which were found in the possession of Shahaster Cawn) and has [or]dered him to take y^e^: Goverm^t^: of y^e^: Cornatt Countrey. 2.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID : AND GO[VERNOUR]. THURSDAY 3.
M^R^: WILLIAM FRAZER. M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN.
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT. M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL.

The Attorney Gen^ll^: is ordered to exhibit a charge [in the] Court of Admiralty against Richard Benoni Eb[enezer] Blackwall, according to a form now read, [. . .] may be prosecuted to an Issue as soon as [. . .].

M^r^: John Davis haveing agreed w^th^: the [. . .] in England that his Estate in India shall [. . .] Cash here by his Attorneys, and the Net proceed after his [. . .] to them is deducted be remitted to him by Bills as appears by the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: generall lett^r^: dated the [. . .] 1693–4 and M^r^: Davis his lett^r^: to his attorney dated [. . .].

Its ordered that y^e^: attachment formerly laid upon y^e^: estate of M^r^: Davis for 5000 Pago^ds^: in y^e^: hands of M^r^: Henry Allford be taken of, if M^r^: Henry Allfords Executors shall desire it, and that notice hereof be given to the Attorney generall.

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Ordered that Pancheco, Antonio de Rosairo, Manuell Leon, Jacob Peidon, Jacob George, and Anthonyo de Silva be entertained as souldiers in this garrison for 2 yeares.

Mr: Charles Barwell sea Customer paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 200: 21: on accot: sea custom and read his accot: for ye: month of November last.

Mr: John Focquett Rentall generall paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 258: 10: on accot: Quit rents.

Ordered that Pagos: 458: 31: be paid Mr: Thos: Wright Paymaster for defrayeing charges garrison and exchangeing Fanhams.

The Rt: Honble: Company haveing ordered by their generall lettr: of ye: 3rd: January 1693–4 that enquiry be made into the manner of ye: death of severall of the Councill of Fort St. George, concerning wch: have noe more ground to goe upon then ye: Comon report. It is Ordered that ye: Judge doe examine Timapa ye: Cheife Merchant, or any other persons whome he thinkes probable to give any Information, and make his report thereof.

NathLL: Higginson.
William Frazer.
John Styleman.
Thomas Wright.
Charles Barwell.

3. Shipp Northampton Richard Phrip Master arrived from ye: West Coast and brought a generall Lettr: from the Deputy Governr: and Councill of Yorck Fort dated ye: 11th: Octor: 1694 and a Coppy of ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: generall lettr: to Yorcke Fort per shipp Dorothy wth: severall other papers as per List.

5. This Evening Mr: Lewis arrived from Fort St. David and brought a generall lettr: dated the 1st: Instant adviseing that they had drawn a bill upon us for Pagos: 400 payable to Mr: Charles Barwell.

Att a Consultation

Present

Monday 7. The HonBLE: NathLL: Higginson EsqR: PresidT: and GovernR:
MR: William Frazer MR: John Styleman
MR: Thomas Wright MR: Charles Barwell.

Mr: Thomas Wright paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 70 wch: was received of Mr: John Pitt, being so much belonging to ye: Lasscars of shipp Bencoolen as per order of Consultation dated ye: 1st: October.

The Warehouskeeper reports ye: amount of damage of the Europe Cloth by shipp Princess Ann of Denmark to be pags: 352: It is ordered ye: said report be coppyed after this Consultation and that ye: originall be sent to [ye:] Rt: Honble: Company by ye: said shipp.

Ordered that Pagos: 400 be paid to Mr: Charles Barwell be[ing] for one bill of exchange dated ye: first Instant drawn by [the] Deputy Governor and Councill of Fort St. David payable at six days after sight.

Ordered that Pagos: 100 be paid ye: Washermen for cureing the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cloth.

Mr: John Styleman Bookeepr: read his Journall [. . .] of ye: Bookes for ye: Months of Augst: and Septr: last.

Mr: Constable alleadging that Virago late land Custom Conicoply at Cudalore, hath injured him in ye: accot: [. . .] received from Fort St. David dated ye: 26 of November 1694 [it is] ordered that Mr: Styleman and Mr: Barwell do examine and report the same.

Hee also alleadging that his accot: Currs: wch: the Rt: Honble: Company sent by ye: Deputy Govr: and Councill of Fort St. David, is not right stated, and that he cannot give a full answer thereunto without ye: particulars Entered in

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theire bookes Letter B. It is ordered that in our next generall lett^{r}: to Fort St. David they be desired to send us a Coppy thereof.

M^{r}: Constable haveing delivered an answer to the report made by the Councill of Fort St. David dated y^{e}: 25th: June 94 relateing to the Customs of cloth provided there for the Spaniards. It is ordered that y^{e}: matter of y^{e}: said answer be examined by y^{e}: Cajan acco^{ts}: w^{ch}: are now here by M^{r}: Charles Barwell, and report made thereof.

For the better explaining of y^{e}: meaning of y^{e}: Wine Licence, and the arrack licence, It is agreed that by the Arrack Licence is meant y^{e}: Distilling of Countrey Arrack and selling in grosso or by retaile y^{e}: Arrack w^{ch}: they doe distill and that the Farmers of the wine Licence hath y^{e}: sole liberty of retailing all other sorts of Arack and Liquors, and that the buying and selling of any quantityes of liquors under 6 Gallons shall be accounted buying and selling by retaile.

Upon a report that M^{r}: Trevor Games was married privately to M^{rs}: Margery Sewell, M^{r}: Games was sent for and asked whither he was married, where, when and by whome, he confessed that he was about 3 Months agoe married to her out of Madrass, but would not declare who married them, and persisting in a refusall to discover, and also owning that he had forsaken his lodgeing in y^{e}: colledge, and taken a House in Town, he was then ordered to repaire to his Chamber in y^{e}: Colledge, and being now sent for, and further examined, he doth declare that he hath bound himself under a sacred Oath, and cannot reveal it, he was ordered to consider further thereof, and to give us an acco^{t}: of y^{e}: manner thereof in writeing.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
CHARLES BARWELL. JOHN STYLEMAN.

Delivered Passes to Boats Saquinta and Taulaca bound to Tringombarr.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &^{CA}; COUNCILL.

I did on y^{e}: 7 of Apprill last deliver to y^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: in Consultation a paper signed by M^{r}: Lowell M^{r}: Mompesson, and myself being our report of y^{e}: damaged Broad Cloath &^{ca}: woolenn Manufactures rec^{d}: from aboard y^{e}: Princess Ann of Denmark Cap^{t}: John Bluet Com̃and^{r}: from England, w^{ch}: paper after your Honour &^{ca}: had perused, it was ordered that wee should evenly and impartially state y^{e}: damage, y^{e}: same might be advised the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company by theire next returning shipping, w^{ch}: I have hitherto delayed upon a supposition I might before this time dispose and sell of all y^{e}: damaged because what they might come short of y^{e}: prize, wee sould y^{e}: good and sound Peices for, that differences would be an exact rule to guide us evenly to state y^{e}: damages upon y^{e}: whole but contrary to my expectation, the severall Buyers chose rather to buy y^{e}: sound goods, thô they paid much dearer for them, so that there are but a few of y^{e}: damaged y^{t}: have been yet sold, but it shall be endeavored, meantime wee humbly offer y^{r}: Hon^{r} &^{ca}: our oppinion upon these goods w^{ch}: appeares to us to be damaged by y^{e}: shipp w^{ch}: is as followeth viz^{t}:

Broad Cloth Ordinary damaged in severall Bales 40 p^{s}: or half cloths w^{ch}: wee vallue 3 pag^{ds}: each one wth: another worse and lower then wee sell the good peices amount to	P^{s} 120
Aurora damaged 2 p^{s}: computed at Pa^{s}: 6 each ...	12
Perpetuanoes ordinary Peices 22 at Pa: 2 each	44
Ditto fine peices 20 at Pa: 4 each	80
Cloth Rashes pieces 32 at Pa: 3 each	96
	Pa: 352

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Now that there are severall bales more that are moth eaten in severall fouldes but y^{e} : outside package sound firm and no ways stained, w^{ch} : wee apprehend to be by ill dryeing or cureing y^{e} : cloth, or packing up to suddainly from y^{e} : hot presse and therefore wee have not brought it under shipp or sea damage.

W^{M} : FRAZER.
THO^{S} : LOWELL.

8. Letters from Goa rec^{d} : this day by M^{r} : Alvarez da Foneseca and other advices that of 3 shipps w^{ch} : arrived there in September last 2 of them belong to a new Company w^{ch} : consist only of Portuguze in India to whome y : King of Portugall hath granted the Trade of India exclusive to y^{e} : rest of his subjects, the Present Stocke is said to amount to Xeraphims 20,000 or about Pago^{ds}: 40,000 the profits of Goa hereby falling into y^{e} hands of the new Company at w^{ch} the Kings Officers doe all readily express disgust.

Received a gen^{ll} : lett^{r} : from Fort St. David dat^{d} : 5 Instant inclósed in w^{ch} : came a list of stores and necessaries wanting.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESID^{T} : & GOVERN^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRAZER M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R} : CHARLES BARWELL.

WEDNESDAY 9.

M^{r} : Frazer Warehousekeeper paid into y^{e} : R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Cash Pago^{ds} : 1000 on acco^{t} : of goods sold.

Ordered that Pago^{ds} : 1000 be paid M^{r} : Tho^{s} : Wright for defrayeing charges Garrison, and exchange Fanhams.

Ordered that y^{e} : Warehousekeep^{r} : cause y^{e} : severall particulars mentioned in y^{e} : list rec^{d} : from Fort St. David besides what formerly ordered to be laden on board shipp London Friggott, as directed by notes made upon said list now delivered in, and that instead of 100 Candy of Lead [. . .] the 31th past 200 be continued on board.

The Presid^{t} : produceing to y^{e} : Councill one bale of 60 Coveds Long cloth as muster of 450 pieces and 2 bales Manilho Long cloth as muster of 300 pieces and four pieces of Salampores as Muster of 200 pieces offered to sale the first att Pago^{ds} : 27¼ per Corge, the Second att 25 Pago^{ds} : per Corge, and y^{e} : Salampores at 9½. It is ordered that y^{e} : Sorters doe inspect y^{e} : said parcells [when] brought into y^{e} : Merchants Godown, and report y^{e} : Quality thereof, and as they view it to throw by such pieces as they thinke not fitt for y^{e} market in Europe, they are in like manner to inspect and report any cloth that is sent into y^{e} : Merchants Godown for that purpose either by y^{e} : Presid^{t} : or any other of y^{e} : Councill wth : out a particular order in Consultation.

Generall Lett^{rs} : to Fort St. David of this date read & approved.

Nella Vincatadry being sicke and y^{e} : Doct^{r} : declareing that a releasement from his confinement is necessary for y^{e} : recovery of his health, It is ordered that he be set [at] liberty upon his giveing such security for his appearance as the Judges thinke fitt.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
CHARLES BARWELL. JOHN STYLEMAN.

9. Shipp Princess Ann of Denmarke arrived in [y^{e} :] road from Bengall, y^{e} : Purser came ashoar, but [did] not bring the Pacquet.

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ATT [A] CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: AND GOVERNR: THURSDAY 10
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

The Warehouskeepr: delivers his oppinion (as entered after this Consultation) concerning ye: manner of makeing Moree shirts, upon wch: it is resolved yt: hee proceed in makeing of them as ordered by ye: list ye: breadth of ye: Cloth to be length of ye: shirt, and ye: sleeves ye: cross way to prevent wast viz: Soe many as can be got ready for ye: Princess, after wch: the Morees fine and Ordinary to be made of ye: propounded length and breadth, for makeing ye: Body and sleeves ye: right way of the Cloth.

The President read his accot: of ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for ye: month of December last ye: balance being Pags: 6256: 35–4.

Capt: John Bluet Comandr: of ye: Princess Ann of Denmarke Came ashoare and brought a Pacquett from ye: Agent and Councill of Bengall, containing theire generall lettrs: dated ye: 14th Decemr: wch: papers according to list to No: 18 and theire Pacquet to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: containing theire generall lettr: dated ye: 14 Decemr: wch: papers according to list to No: 13 also a lettr: from Mr: Henry Stanly incloseing ye: Ballisore Invoyce of 182 Bales put aboard ye: Princess, and a Genll: lettr: from Mr: Ravenhill from Pipley Road, incloseing the Generall bill of ladeing of shipp Princess, also ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Pacquet for Fort St. George per shipp Success being copies of what recd: by shipp London Friggott, and Invoyce of shipp Success, ye: said Genll: Lettrs: were perused, and ye: list ordered to be entered in ye: Coppy booke of Lettrs.

Upon compareing the Bengall Invoyce wth: the bill of ladeing of shipp Princess Ann of Denmarke it appeares that there is 13 parcells of chests and bales mentioned in ye: Invoyce to be provided for ye: West Coast, amounting to rupees 998–3–6, besides charges Merchandize, wch: are excepted in ye: bill of lading also 500 Baggs of wheat are mentioned in ye: Invoyce whereof 250 are noted in ye: bill of lading to be returned [and] that there remaines but 250 Baggs of wheat and 17 Casks of Arrack to be unladen here, Ordered that ye: Warehouskr: do cause said wheat and arrack to be unladen wth: all expedition and 1500 Baggs of Salt petre for ye: Kintiladge of shipp London Friggott and Armenian Merchant whereof soe many to be laden aboard ye: London Friggot as to make what she has already aboard 1200 Baggs.

The Bengall Invoyce by shipp Princess Ann of Denmarke mentioning only 17 Tonn, and 17lb: weight of Redwood to be laden there It is ordered that ye: Warehouskr: do lade aboard her her full charterparty proportion, wch: [is] 40 Tons, also so many of ye: Tonqueen lacquered Chests as [are] fitt to send home, to bee filled upp wth: shirts, Morees and Neckcloths or other fine goods, and that when ye: Wheat, Bengall arrack and 1500 Baggs of Salt petre is brought to the Capt: to deliver to ye: Warehouskeepr: a compute how many bales the shipp can take in by wch: he may govern himself in ladeing ye: shipp, first wth: permisive goods as many as offer at or before ye: 15th: day the rest wth: Coast Bales (the Courser sorts) and to use his utmost endeavours that [ye] shipp may be dispatched on or before ye: 20th: Instant, when her Charterparty time expires.

Mr: Langley haveing delivered a paper dated this day desireing our advise upon Capt: Trenwiths demand of a surveigh of his shipp relateing to damage of Broad [Cloth] Bales It is offered to Mr: Langley as our opinion [yt: he] may permit Capt: Trenwith to cause a surveigh to be made, and may also be present at himself but if he sees cause [. . .] himself not concerned in, nor consenting

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to ye: report, [it is] his part to cause a Surveigh to be made of ye: Cloth when received ashoare.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

To make shirts of Morees.

If ye: shirts is made ye: right way of ye: Cloth with regard to their dimensions according to ye: list sent and recieved by ye: London Friggott, one piece will make three shirts wanting 3 sleeves, and half a Coved of the breadth of ye: cloath from end to end cut to wast, and is the reason that 3 sleeves are wanting as aforesaid, when the shirts are cut ye: right way of ye: Cloth, wch: is gained when the breadth of ye: cloth is made ye: length of the shirt according to ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Order. If the shirts is made ye: breadth of ye: cloth for ye: length of the shirt, and ye: sleeves ye: crossway of ye: cloath, one piece will make 3 shirts, just and noe more.

If the shirt is made ye: breadth of ye: cloth, to be the length of the shirt, and ye: sleeves ye: right way of the Cloth, everry third shirt will have 2 seames in ye: sleeves and one piece will make 3 shirts wanting one sleeve. But if there were Morees of 23 Coveds long and 2 Coveds broad, each piece would make 3 shirts compleat the Cloth cut, and shirts made ye: right way, and ye: length and breadth of ye: shirts and sleeves according to the dimensions ordered by ye: Rt: Honble: Company wch: in my humble opinion (wth: submission) is the better way both for ye: weareing and sale of ye: shirts, all which is referred to ye: Honble: Presidt: and Councills order and derection, wch: shall punctually be complyed to by theire humble servant.

Fort St. George 10th January 1694-95. WILLIAM FRAZER.

No. 10. Dispatched a generall lettr: to Fort St. David of yesterdayes date.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 14. THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

Ordered that Ebenezer Withinbrooke and Thomas Lathorne 2 of the Gunroome Crew be discharged and Peter Gloadswan, Peter Boden, Lewes Debasher, Philip Bearacre, Justin Curtur, Joan Moriall, Joseph Vitre, Frenchmen, that run away from the French shipp [. . .] lye in Bengall be entertained as souldiers in this Garrison, and that Nathaniell Bonus be entered in the Gunroome Crew.

The Warehouskeeper haveing presented a paper (as after this Consultation) relateing to the damaged Cloth upon shipp London Friggott, It is thereupon ordered that Messrs. Styleman, Wright, Barwell and Mun do assist ye: Warehouskeeper wth: ye: Persons mentioned in Consultation of ye: 17th December last, in viewing, stateing and reporting the Damage.

The Generall lettr: dated ye: 18th: December from Ruttera read, being an answer to our lettr: upon our Consultation dated ye: 7th November 1694 relateing to ye: message sent to [us] by ye: Queen of Madura, ye: said generall Lettr: alsoe acquainting that ye: soldiers who were sent from [here] desire that noe further payment should be made [to their] wives. It is ordered that ye: Paymaster do pay them [no] more, and draw out an accot: of what he has paid [and] sent to Rethorah by ye: next oppertunity, and that ye: amount thereof be carried to

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Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: London in y^{e}: same m[anner] as our former disbursem^{ts}: for y^{t}: settlement.

Also 2 Generall Lett^{rs}: to Surat dated y^{e}: 19th: and 26th: November now recieved by Pattemars wherein they advice of Dutch news dated August 1693 of French shipps designed for India, upon w^{ch}; they desire y^{t}: shipps bound for Surratt be ordered to keep to sea, and to touch att Bombay, they also advice the Generalls order for hindering shipps Blessing and Elizabeth from tradeing hither, if they come without Passes, they also advice y^{e}: bad news of y^{e}: Barkley Castles being taken by the French near y^{e}: Isles of Scilly on y^{e}: $\frac{1}{2}\frac{7}{7}$ March 1694.

After frequent discourseing upon y^{e}: matter of Consultation dated 31st: December relateing to y^{e}: vend of Europe goods y^{e}: result is.

1. Its our opinion that y^{e}: ordinary Marketts Fort St: George, Fort St: David, and Vizagapatam will not take of all y^{e}: Europe Cloth, and Lead in 2 yeares, viz^{t}: By selling as Chapmen present.

2. The said Europe goods being our main stocke, their slow sale will not furnish money fast enough to carry on the Investments necessary for y^{e}: dispatch of y^{e}: shipping in January next, besides wee may reasonably expect more by y^{e}: next shipps, there is therefore a necessity of selling.

3. There is but 3 wayes of promoteing their sale, By contracting wth: some Merchants or company of Merchants for y^{e}: whole; by y^{e}: Inland trade into the Nizore and Vizapore Countreys, and by y^{e}: Golcondah trade, the first have been endeavored, but our Joint Stocke Merchants Armenians and other Merchants all refuse, because of the quantity, the second cannot be brought into a Method under a yeares time, and then will be verry inconsiderable dureing y^{e}: Warrs between y^{e}: Moors and Morattas, w^{ch}: renders the passages unsafe. Wee therefore conclude it necessary to endeavour y^{e}: putting off of Europe Cloth and goods by the Golconda trade.

4. But y^{e}: trade of Golconda cannot be carried on from hence the passage being soe long, chargeable and hazardous, and therefore must be driven from Metchlepatam, Pettipollee or Durampatt.

5. Those places and those only can furnish y^{e}: Chey fine goods in quantity which y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company have ordered by list to be provided.

6. The R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company haveing positively forbidden the expending of any money on any Factoryes on y^{e}: Coast besides Fort St George, Fort St. David and Vizagapatam. It is not in our power to settle any of the Northern Factories on y^{e}: Comp^{s}: charge, but there is an indespensible obligation upon us to doe all that leyes in our power to dispose of y^{e}: Europe goods, and if not possible to find out some way that will serve as well for y^{e}: future as y^{e}: present occasion, w^{ch}: cannot be done but by Contract wth: the Countrey Merchants of Metchlepatam, Pettipollee and Durampatt.

Upon the whole it is resolved that Narraine be sent thither to treat wth: y^{e}: Merchants in order to a Contract as well for takeing off of Europe goods, as provideing Chey and fine goods.

Generall Lett^{rs}: to y^{e}: Presid^{t}: and Councill of Surratt of [this] date, read, signed and delivered to Cap^{t}: Phrip.

M^{r}: Frazer Warehouskeep^{r}: read his Warehouse acco^{t}: for the month of November last.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
CHARLES BARWELL. JOHN STYLEMAN.

Shipp Experiment Tho^{s}: Brennocke master ca[me into] this Road haveing 14.
in y^{e}: night time overshot her [port] and lain severall dayes to y^{e}: Southward in sight.

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15. Shipp Northampton Richard Phrip Master sailed for Surratt by whome sent a generall lettr to ye Generall [. . .] India dated ye: 11 Instant, and to ye: Presidt: and Councill of Surratt of yesterdayes date.

16. Recieved a Generall from Fort St: David dated ye: 12th: Instant wth: Coppies of theire generall bookes Letter P. Comencing the [. . .] and ending ultimo Appr: 1694 and Coppies of theire Diary and Consultations from ye: primo January 1693-4 to ye: ultimo Decemr: 1694.

To The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: President & Governour of Fort St: George & Councill.

In pursuance of an order of Councill of ye: 17 December last, appointing Mr: Lowell, Mr: Penford and myself to view and examine ye: bales wch: came upon ye: London Friggott Capt: Matthias Hatton Comander from England and accordingly on ye: 18 past wee began to unlade the bales, but by reason of ye: shipps riddeing soe farr off and the winds and Currants and ye: surfe often running high, that ye: Boats could not worke so that it was ye: 7th: Instant before all ye: bales came ashoare and upon our openning the said bales in ye: presence of ye: Captain and his Purser, It is so bad, and the damage so much that wee dare not presume of ourselves to give our Judgement in a matter of so great a concerne, so as to distinguish ye damage occasioned by ye: shipp from what might otherwise happen upon ye: cloth being hastily pacquetted up, at least some part thereof, before it was well dryed or cured, and therefore, before to hold the scales even between ye Honble: Company and Owners of said shipp I humbly request yr: Honr: and the Councill with as many more Indifferent Persons or the Comps: Servts: as yr: Honr: &ca: shall thinke fitt to view and examine said Cloth wth: whome I shall be assisting and joyne wth: what oppinion shall be then made by yr: Honr: &ca: I humbly request yt: this paper may be entered so yt: nothing may reflect as to any neglect or slackness of mine if ye: damage bee not stated so as to be sent by ye: Princess Anns pacquet wch: is all at present being wth: all respect.

Yr: Honrs: most humble
Wm: Frazer.

Att a Consultation

Present

Thursday 17th. The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Presidt: & Govr:
Mr: William Frazer Mr: John Styleman
Mr: Thomas Wright Mr: Charles Barwell.

Mr: Jeremiah Peachy being sent for ye: 18 Paragraph of ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Generall Lettr: to Bengall dated ye: 3 of January 1693-4 was read to him, and thereupon it was declared that he was suspended ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: service till his accots: were cleared, and its ordered that a Coppy of ye: Acct: recd: from Bengall whereby he is made Debtor to ye: Rt: Honble: Company rupees 8202: 3: be given him, whereunto he has promised to deliver an answer.

Mrs: Ann Delgarner paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 15 being for halfe a yeares rent due to ye: 1 Novr: 1694 for the Fishing Farme.

The Beetle Farmers paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagds: 250 for one month on that acco.

Ordered that Pagods: 250 be paid Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defrayeing Charges Garrison.

Ordered that ye: Paymaster do build 2 roomes to ye: southward of ye: new mint, there not being sufficient roome for ye: Assaymaster ye: whole building being so small for ye: silver Coinage.

Mr: Frazer haveing by Consultation of ye: 24 Septr: 169[ ] excused himself from ye: seconds station, for ye: reasons there given, but withall provided that ye:

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same should be noe barr when his scruples were cleared, and removed, and it haveing been propounded to him whether he doth excuse himself or claime the said station, he doth now declare that his scruples being removed he doth now claime y^e^: station of second in Councill w^ch^: wee apprehend do's fall to him by vertue of a Comission dated the 4^th^ of January 1691–2.

Gunla Subanadree haveing been sent hither by the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam, as a Debtor to y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Pag^s^: 73 :6: for money impressed to him upon acco^t^: of Gunnies by M^r^: Stables in March, the Vizagapatam generall lett^r^: dated y^e^: 10^th^: of Decem^r^: last, w^th^: M^r^: Dubois relation dated y^e^: 10^th^: Instant (which is entered in the Coppy booke of lett^rs^:) being considered, and said Gunla's examination and translate of Gungarez the Vizagapatam Braminies obligation dated y^e^: 18^th^: of March 1688–9, It is resolved y^t^: y^e^: said Braminy is liable to make good y^e^: said debt to y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: and that the 50 Pago^ds^: stopped of his wages be taken for satisfaction in part, and being well assured that Gunla Suban[a]dree is soe poor that he is not able to pay y^e^: said 50 Pago^ds^: nor y^e^: remainder of y^e^: debt, It is resolved that y^e^: Cheife and Councill do accept his bond for y^e^: payment of y^e^: remainder at 5 pag^s^: per annum and give him his liberty and tho its not expected that he ever can pay it, yet that y^e^: debt be continued in y^e^: Booke to avoid an ill president in contracts of y^e^: like nature w^th^: y^e^: Countrey Merchants.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
THO^S^: WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
CHARLES BARWELL. JOHN STYLEMAN.

Delivered passes to 2 Boats both named Jagger Nayakooloo bound to Tompatterree. 18.

Delivered a pass to Boat Narsinga tradeing on y^e^: Coast. Briggantine Acheen Merchant sailed for the Coast of Mallabar. 19.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^: M^R^: WILLIAM FRAZER, M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN, M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT, M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL. MONDAY 21.

M^r^: Edmund Mountague Prov^ll^: land Custom^r^: paid into y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pago^ds^: 235: and read his land custome acco^t^: for y^e^: Month of Decem^r^: particulars viz^t^:

Choultrey Custome	...	....	Pago^ds^:	101: 12: ...
Rubie Broakers ...	...	...	„	015: 23: 19
Cloath Broakers ...	...	...	„	019: 31: ...
			Pago^ds^:	136: 30: 19

Ordered that Pago^ds^: 235 be paid M^r^: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defrayeing charges Garrison and exchangeing Fanhams.

M^r^: Charles Barwell Sea Customer paid into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pago^ds^: 1000 on acco^t^: Sea Customes.

Ordered that Pago^ds^: 100 be paid M^r^: W^m^: Morrice being for one bill of exchange drawn by y^e^: Deputy Governor and Councill of Fort St. David dated y^e^: 16 Instant pay^ble^ at three dayes after sight.

The late President Yale haveing last weeke sent a paper directed to y^e^: Presid^t^: and Councill concerning the death of y^e^: late Councellors, ordered that y^e^: same be entered after this Consultation, and that the Originall be delivered to M^r^: Frazer for further Consideration.

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It being necessary to send a shipp forthwith to Vizagapatam as well for ye: conveyance of souldiers & amunition &ca: as for ye: bringing of theire Bales & Cloth hither, and shipp Dorothy being in ye: road, and likely to continue here a considerable time before she can proceed on her voyage to China, Its proposed to Mr: Langley as a particular service to ye: Company that ye: shipp should goe there upon this occasion, which he refused to comply with (as by his paper entered after this Consultation) it being demanded of Mr: Langley whither ye: shipp will in her passage to China touch at ye: West Coast he promised to give his answer in a weekes time, he also being offered 31½oz: standard silver a Candy for his pepper brought from ye: West Coast, he refuses to accept thereof unless wee will remit ye: half penny a pound which ought to have been paid at ye: West Coast, and the five per Cent Custome of Fort St. George.

Generall lettr: to ye: Rt: Honble: Company dated the 19th: Instant in answer to severall Paragraphs of theire lettr: dated ye: 3d: January 1693–4 read and approved to Paragraph 56.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
CHARLES BARWELL. JOHN STYLEMAN.

TO THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR:
PRESIDENT &CA: COUNCILL.

In reply to yr: Honr: &ca: proposealls to me this day for permitting shipp Dorothy to go to Vizagapatam for ye: conveyance thither of souldiers, amunition &ca: and bringing also thence Bales on acct: of ye: Honble: Company whose Interest must declare myself especially obliged to promote (modestly speakeing) equally wth: yourselves, but designeing my stay here verry short, haveing noe buisiness but to bring our Bales of Cloth ashoare in order to air, and take an acct: of theire present as well as prevent theire future damage am forc't to a noncomplyance to yr: proposealls an equivalent of freight being also not offered by you Besides haveing consulted Capt: Trenwith as to ye: season of ye: yeare, find a Trip to Vizagapatam not to be attempted without eminent hazard to ye: designe and voiage of ship Dorothy to China and for yr: further satisfaction must refer yr: Honr: &ca: to Capt: Trenwith's opinion when called before you, who is the best Judge of ye: navigateing I am Honrd: Sr: &ca:

Your most humble Servant
SAMUELL LANGLEY.

TO THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVR: THE WORSHIPFULL JUDGE
ADVOCATE, MAYOR, &CA: COUNCILL.

I am advised that Mr: Thomas Gray wrote to his Father per shipp Orange that Mr: Wavell, and Mr: Cheney were strangely rub'd out of ye: world, and that he was sicke & feared he lay under ye: same fatall Machivillian pollicy wch: horrid Scandall I heare has made strange reflections in England, therefor I earnestly require yr: Honr: &ca: yt: the matter may be strictley examined and truely reported for the satisfaction of Justice, theire severall relations, & the world, who are to credulous in such cases, as alsoe for the cleareing ye: Government, and those it may reflect upon, thô I have to much reason to believe that himself more deserved that black censure by ye: wicked attempts of his Parriar Servants, whome he long concealed in his House, and protected from Justice, but was after forc't out by Mr: John Cheney then Choultrey Justice, and by him examined and found guilty of yt: wicked designe against me and justly punisht for it, likewayes Mr: Grayes sorrowful dyeing Confession sufficiently shewed his turbulent spirit and bad temper, declareing that through the whole course of his life, his greatest pleasure, and delight was in doeing Mischief, wch: his troublesome practices here, notoriousley confirmed, few escapeing his Injurie, his verry father nor Mother

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exempted, but I shall not rake into his dirty ashes but desire y^{r}: Hon^{r}: &^{ca}: will strickley and impartially looke into the subjects of his complaint and doe Justice therein.

Hon^{ble}: &^{ca}:
Your most humble Servant
ELIHU YALE.

Fort St. George
19th: Jan^{ry}: 1694-5.

Received a generall lett^{r}: from Fort St. David dated y^{e}: 17th: Instant wth: theire generall lett^{r}: to y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated the 15th: 21.

Received a generall lett^{r}: from y^{e}: Cheif &^{ca}: at Vizagapatam dated y^{e}: 8 Instant adviseing y^{e}: continuance of theire troubles.

Delivered Cap^{t}: Matthias Hatton Comander of shipp London Friggott his dispatch for Fort St. David. 22.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}: WEDNESDAY
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRAZER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN 23^{D}.
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL.

The Merchants haveing brought in 3700 p^{s}: of course Neckcloths by contract of [. . .] at 35 per Pagoda, w^{ch}: the sorters not finding equall to muster, the Councill mett att the sorting Godowne, and upon viewing it doth appear, that none of them are equall to muster, by reason of theire thinness, and most of them much inferior, and some unfitt for the Europe Markett. It is therefore agreed with the Merchants that y^{e}: said Neckcloths be sorted the better part of them at 37 per Pagoda, and the rest att 40 per Pagoda, the sorters throwing out y^{e}: worst of all.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

Shipp London Friggott sailed for Fort St. David, by said shipp sent two generall lett^{rs}: to the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St. David both dated the 22 Instant.

Shipp Loretta William Stocke master sailed for Vizagapatam by whome sent a generall lett^{r}: to the Cheife &^{ca}: of this date. 23.

Shipp Happy Returne Samuell Dixon Master sailed for Vizagapatam and Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}: THURSDAY 24.
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL.

Ordered that M^{r}: Thomas Wright on Saturday y^{e}: 26th: Instant do goe aboard shipp Princess Ann of Denmarke and muster y^{e}: said shipps Company.

M^{r}: Wright read his paymasters acco^{t}: for y^{e}: Month of December last.

M^{r}: Frazer Warehouskeep^{r}: paid into y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pago^{ds}: 1000 on acco^{t}: goods sould.

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Ordered that y^e^: Vizagapatam Bales rec^d^: per sloop Eagle be laden on board y^e^: Princess, or soe many as she can take in, and if y^e^: shipp can take in more that shee bee filled up w^th^: Fort St. David and Fort St. George goods.

Ordered that 40 p^s^: of Broad Cloth ordinary and 30 Candy of Lead, be delivered to Ipa Chittee and Peddy Tombee Chittee the first att Pag^s^: 26 per piece and the latter att 11 Pag^s^: per Candy, they giveing theire obligation for payment in 2 Months.

The President doth acquaint y^e^: Councill y^t^: yesterday treateing w^th^: Kisnape Naigue in order to contract for a considerable quantity of Broad Cloth, for furnishing the Kings Camp at Vizapore, and Wanderwash, he hath promised upon y^e^: delivery of musters to write to his Principall at y^e^: Kings Camp, y^e^: President esteeming it a probable way of vending Europe Cloth did Tashereif him with three yards of Aurora.

Ordered that Gregorie an Armenian be entered in the Gunroome Crew from y^e^: 17^th^: Instant.

The President paid into y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pago^s^: 542: 15: on acco^t^: of Coynage in y^e^: mint.

Ordered that y^e^: following particulars be got ready and sent aboard the London Friggott as soon as she arrives from Fort St. David to be sent to Vizagapatam viz^t^:

6 Small Gunns with Bulletts &^ca^:
1 Barrell of English Powder.
1½ Candy of Countrey Powder.
20 Granada Shells filled with Fuzees.
10 Spare Fuzees.
10 Firelock Musketts.
10 Matchlock Musketts.
40 Spare Flints.
10 Pouches.
1 Drum.
6 Blunderbusses.
2000 Musket shott.
1 Maund of English Match.
3 Pieces of Broad Cloth Ordinary.
1 Piece of Perpetuanoes fine.
1 Piece do. Ordinary.
1 Piece of Aurora.
1 Piece of Crimson.
2 Rheam of paper Ordinary.
½ Rheam of paper fine.
2 quire of paper for Bookes.
100 Quills.
1 Chest of Wine.
1 Hogshead of Arrack.

The indentures sent out by y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: for M^r^: Griffith to signe were produced to him, whereunto he desired time to consider of an answer.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR: FRIDAY 25.
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

The Judge reports that upon ye: heareing of the Information exhibited by ye: Attorney Generall in behalf of the Rt: Honble: Comps: against Richard Benoni Ebenezer Blackwall in the Court of Admiralty, the Court have decreed that he be sent for England by ye: first shipp, said decree is confirmed, and it is resolved that an order be given ye: Capt: of ye: Princess to receive him aboard.

Mr: Samuell Langley haveing delivered a paper (as entered after this Consultation) desireing us to recomend some persons to him to view ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cloth by shipp Dorothy, It is ordered that ye: Persons appointed by Consultation 14 Instant to view ye: Cloth by ye: London Friggott doe inspect said Cloth wth: Mr: Langley, and such others as hee shall thinke fitt to call, but because ye: said Persons cannot all attend daily, being upon some dayes necessarily employed about other buisiness, that any three of them in ye: absence of ye: rest with Mr: Langley doe proceed and view ye: same, entring a daily accot: of ye: number of Bales viewed and ye: Persons pre[sent] and that Mr: Langley doe give notice to ye: Comander to be present, and that ye: same Method be observed in ye: viewing of ye: Cloth by the London Friggott.

The Merchants haveing represented to us that they want more money to send into ye: Countrey for secureing the Weavours looms for ye: carryeing on of further Investments, It is ordered that 1000 Pagods: be lent them for two Months, on ye: same [termes] as the last.

Mr: Frazer and Mr: Barwell haveing delivered their report of ye: examination of Mr: Chapmans Vizagapatam accot: by wch: he is indebted to ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Pags: 252: 22: 3: he was sent for and discoursed upon the particulars thereof, and not alleadging or produceing any satisfactory plea, It was declared to him that he was indebted said sume of Pags: 252: 22: 3: to the Rt: Honble: Comps: wth: the Interest thereon from ye: 8o: Septr: 1692 the time of theire leaveing Vizagapatam, wch: being demanded of him he refused to pay disowning it to be just debt. Its ordered that the Attorney Generall do enter an action in ye: Mayors Court against said Chapman, ye: Judge desireing it because hee was one of those who reported ye: accot:.

The Rt: Honble: Comps: Generall lettr: of ye: 3d: February 1693-4 Paragraphs ye: 19 and 20 haveing confirmed the Dismission of Mr: Daniell Dubois from theire service from the time of theire leaveing Vizagapatam, he was sent for and acquainted therewith.

Mr: John Hinchman haveing in ye: yeare 1692 recd: and embezled moneys recieved by him for accot: of ye: Sea Customes to ye: amount of 745 Pags: of wch: he paid in part 208 and the residue was by ye: late Generalls order placed to the accot: of Mr: Henry Alford deceased, and has since been recovered of his estate by Judgement of Court, hee being then receaver, and Mr: Hinchman entrusted by him, and thô Mr: Hinchman was not thereupon dismissed from ye: Rt: Honble Comps: service Yet haveing since proved otherwise extravigant and unfit for further trust. It is by vertue of ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: orders in theire Generall lettrs: dated ye: 10th: of Appr: 1693 and 3d: February 1693-4 resolved that he be dismissed from ye: Rt: Honble: Companyes service and being sent for was acquainted therewith.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
CHARLES BARWELL. JOHN STYLEMAN.

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To the Hon^BLE: Nath^LL: Higginson Esq^R:
President &^CA: Councill
Hon^BLE: S^R: &^CA:

Haveing now ashoare all our Bales of Broad Cloth, many of which appear to be damaged I request that you would please to recommend to me some able persons to take a view thereof, in order to a true report and state of y^e: condition It is now in, and to derect the Method you judge most proper for them and me to proceed in it being a buisiness of consequence relateing to y^e: Hon^ble: East India Company.

I am Hon^d: S^r: &^ca:
Your most humble Servant
Samuell Langley.

Fort St. George
24 January 1694-5.

25. Sloop John and Betty Phillip Fonseca master arrived in this Road from Acheen.

Delivered passes to 5 Boats bound to y^e: southward.

26. Recieved a Bengall lett^r: from his Excellency S^r: John Gayer Generall of India dated y^e: 5 December in answer to ours of y^e: 27^th: March, 11 June, 16 July, and 29 Septem^r: alsoe a Generall Lett^r: from y^e: President and Councill of Surratt dated y^e: 14 December.

28. Delivered Passes to 4 Boats bound to y^e: Southward for gra[in].

Att a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 29. The Hon^BLE: Nath^LL: Higginson Esq^R: Presid^T: & Gov^R: M^R: William Frazer, M^R: John Styleman, M^R: Thomas Wright, M^R: Charles Barwell.

M^r: Thomas Wright reports y^e: number of shipps Princess Ann of Denmarcks comp^a: to be 130 men and bo[ys.]

M^r: Frazer Warehouskeep^r: paid into y^e: R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pago^ds: 1000 on acco^t: of goods sould.

Ordered that Pago^ds: 1000 be paid to M^r: Wright Paymaster for defrayeing charges Garrison, and exchangeing of Fanhams.

Ordered that Pago^ds: 100 be paid M^r: William Frazer to pay for stores bought by him.

M^r: Charles Barwell Sea Customer paid into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pago^s: 500 on acco^t: of Sea Customes.

Ordered that y^e: Beetle Farme be continued without exposeing it to sale by Publick outcry upon y^e: same terms as the last yeare to Woolapa Chittee, Vincattee Puttee, Pinede, and Narso &^ca: under sharers leaveing out Jango &^ca: Dubashes w^ch: were last yeare concerned and have so quarreled amongst themselves, that noe one will hold it if the other do's, and thô they do not understand y^e: management of y^e: buisiness, are always troublesome to the other Partners.

Nath^LL: Higginson.
Thomas Wright. William Frazer.
Charles Barwell. John Styleman.

29. Delivered a Pass to Boat Vincatasulo.

30. Delivered a Pass to Boat Haunomonte.

February 1. 1694-5 Delivered Capt: John Blewit Comander of shipp Princess Anne of Denmarck her dispatch for England.

2. Shipp Experience Thomas Brennock Master sailed for the Coast of India by whome sent a Generall lett^r: to the Generall of India of yesterdayes date.

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Shipp Princess Anne of Denmarcke sett saile about four a Clocke this afternoone for England. 3.

Recieved a Generall lett^{r}: from Fort St. David dated y^{e}: 2 Instant wth: bill of ladeing for what laded upon shipp London Friggott and a list of said goods, also a Coppy of M^{r}: Constables Acco^{t}: taken out of their Gen^{ll}: Bookes Letter B.] 4.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T} & GOVERNOUR [TUESDAY]
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN 5.
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL.

M^{r} Trevor Games having deliverd a paper (as entered in the Copy Booke of Letters), as ordered the 7th: [past, the same] was considered and Debated and by Major[ity] Resolved that the minister be permitted to [. . .] M^{r} Games to M^{rs}: Margery Sewel, he having [declared] upon oath that he is married to her [according to the] form of the Church of England and [that he is] under an oath not to discover the [Person] y^{t}: married him.

The warehousekeeper do's report that of [y^{e}: 400] pieces of Long cloth of 60 Coveds long and 300 [pieces] of the Manilha Sort, ordered to be inspected [on y^{e}:] 9th past, there is none fitt for the English [markett,] being so miserably thin, and the President [doth] declare he cannot procure any more, this be[ing] the best of the sorts that is usually brought here It is therefore resolved that wee take a view of it this afternoone.

M^{r} Edward Tredcroft paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: two thousand, being borrowed of him at Ten ℔ cent Interest ℔ annum for three months, 'tis [ordered] that a bond be given him for the same.

M^{r} Proby, M^{r} Empson and M^{r} Meverell being y^{e}: only surviveing receivers of the Sea Customs they were sent for and ordered to meet dayly [at M^{r}: Barwells] House till they have gone through the [examination] of the acco^{ts}: ending September last, untill [y^{e}: Errors] be found out, and that M^{r}: Hinchman, [conicop^{ls}: & Shroffs] who have been concern'd in the receiving or [payeing] the Sea Custome money, do attend when [required].

M^{r} Samuel Langley being againe required to give his answer as to the disposeall of his Pepper [and the] proceeding of his Shipp to the West Coast, he [promises] to give it in on Thursday next.

The President paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys [Cash Pago^{ds}: 208 rec^{d}: of y^{e}: following Persons for permission of passage on ship Princess Ann of Denmarcke for England viz^{t}:

John Pittt	Pag^{s}:	26
Mary Wawell	„	26
Ann Metcalfe	„	26
John Walsh	„	26
Mary Mackrith	„	26
Elizabeth Hart	„	26
Ann Seaton	„	26
Lucca, a slave wench	„	26
	Pag^{s}:	208

Goeing to y^{e}: Godowne this afternoone to view the Cloth mentioned in y^{e}: foregoeing Consultation y^{e}: first Bundle of longcloth of 60 Coveds, appeared in great part of it, thô short in y^{e}: length and breadth (as all y^{t}: sort is allwayes made) yet of such substance as is fitt for the Europe marketts, w^{ch}: Bales y^{e}: Warehouskeep^{r}: alleadging that it was a picked Bale, and he had not seen it before The Godown Concoply did affirme that it was y^{e}: same Bale ,w^{ch}: y^{e}: AFTERNOON 5.

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Warehouskeepr: had ordered and he had caused to be laid aside from ye: rest, and upon viewing some part of ye: Manhila Long cloth, it do's appear yt: there is some among it fit for ye: Europe markett, thô not according to ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Musters either in substance or measure, and they doe declare yt: the Merchants told them ye: rest was like that, and upon enquirey made what quantity had been viewed upon wch: ye: forenoone report was grounded, the Warehouskeepr: did owne yt: he had looked on but 13 pieces of one sort, and 6 pieces of ye: other and Mr: Tredcroft had seen 6 ps: of Manhilha sort, and Mr: Mead a few ps: of ye: 60 Coveds wch: they declared not fitt for ye: English markett. The whole parcell of ye: Manilha Cloth being divided by the Merchants by ye: Presidents order into 2 parts 160 pieces better and 140 pieces worse it is Ordered that Mr: Barwell Mr: Tredcroft, and Mr: Mead do to morrow morning take 30 pieces from each parcell indifferently as they rise, and that the same be washed and embaled and sent home to the Rt: Honble: Comps: under ye: marks L.C.M. No: 1 and L.C.M. No: 2 also that they cause 40 pieces to be taken indifferently out of ye: parcell of 60 Coveds Long cloth (rejecting only ye: worst pieces of wch: some appear thin like Bettella's) and that ye: same be washed embaled and sent home under ye: Marke of L.C.M. 60 Coveds.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

I do except against ye: Manilha Cloth in ye: manner and words as here entered. WILLIAM FRAZER.

5. Delivered Passes to Boats Rama Saine, Latch Shume Auma Mawhe, Jagga Nayakooly bound to Tompatteree.

6. Briggantines Dowally whereof Sandais is Nocquedah, belonging to ye: Moors arrived from Bengall laden wth: rice, Butter, Oyle &ca:]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 7. THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

The London Friggat arriveing yesterday from Fort St: David, our former intentions are considered of Dispatching the said Shipp hence this [season] if a sufficient Lading could be provided for [her and] the Armenian Merchant. By an accot: [now taken] we find wee can depend upon the following goods vizt.

Fort St: George	Bales 212	in the godown
Ditto	131	cloth at ye: Washrs: and beaters
Ditto	68	wch: ye: merchants have ready in the countrey
Ditto	30	wch: they engage to finish in this month
Fort St: David	114	recd: ℔ London Friggat
Chest and Baggs of Indigo	26	
	Ba. 581	
Vizagapatam	200	ready the [8 Decr: as per theire] Letter to Bengall
	200	at ye: Washers [&c: as per theire lett: to ye: Fort 16 December.]
	981	

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Fort St. David	150	to be provided besides 114 Ba^{s}: now rec^{d}: whereof y^{e}: greatest part bro^{t}: in.
Permissive Trade by y^{e}: Armenian Merchant.	100	The value of 100 Bales in Beng: goods and China ware &c^{a}: being y^{e}: last permissive shipp.
Bales	1231	

Salt petre Baggs 2200 whereof 1200 laden on board the London Friggott, besides pepper in y^{e}: Godown and expected from the West Coast.

The aforementioned wee esteem sufficient to lade both Shipps, or the defect may be supplyed wth: salt Petre if the Martha arrives from Bengall time enough or by buying here.

But the greatest difficulty is the getting y^{e}: [bales] from Vizagapatam, in order to which wee in[tend to] send the London friggot thither to fill up, and [proceed] from thence for England, but having written to Bengall to order Shipps to touch there for that purpose and allso ordered the Cheif and Councill to send [them] hither by Countrey vessells, and being now advised [by the] owner that his Shipp of about two hundred Tons [was at] Vizagapatam about the 10th: Instant, and that he [had ordered] M^{r} Holcombe to send her up hither wth: what freight [goods] offer'd, it is very probable and we depend upon't [that the] Vizagapatam Bales will come in this month [It is there]fore resolved that the London friggat continue [here till] those Bales arrive, and upon their arriveall [be with all] expedition dispatched home, thô before the Armenian Merchant, if we are assured of a sufficient [lading for] both, If not, that thē London ffriggat with [saltpetre and some] Bales proceed to the West Coast [to fill up fo]r Europe.

Ordered that a Countrey Boat [be hired] or bought to go to Vizagapatam and carry y^{e}: Gunns, Souldiers, Arms, &c^{a}:.

The Maddapollam not being arrived from y^{e}: West Coast, thô long since expected. Its ordered if y^{e}: London Friggott be dispatched home, that y^{e}: Martha upon her arriveall be sent thither, and in y^{e}: meantime a Countrey vessell (the first that offers fitt) be hired to carry thither souldiers, stores, &c^{a}: and four Chests of Dollars to enable them to buy pepper against y^{e}: Martha's arriveall.

Ordered that 200 Piggs of Lead, two chests and twenty-two Baggs of Indigo be unladen from the London ffriggat, and that the 114 Fort S^{t} David Bales be continued on board towards her ladeing and 400 Baggs of Salt Petre more laden on board.

The Generall Letter received this day from Vizagapatam dated the 12th: January adviseing y^{e}: continuance and encrease of their troubles, and that they want ord^{rs}: for sending their bales, and repeat their request for sending men and Arm's wrote for in their last letter, wherein they say they have so well ffortified that ffactory, that [upon] receiving those supplies, they shall be able to withstand the whole force of the countrey.

Being advised by a letter received from M^{r} Thomas Shepheard dated the 14th January from a place near Vizagapatam, that that night he intended to go thither by Boat, and that he should probably arrive there the 18th: January wth: our Generall Letter dated 12th: December which gave orders for their sending their Bales hither by Countrey Vessells, and therefore upon his arrivall [conclude] they will be sent by the Shipp [that leyes] ready there.

The Warehouskeep^{r}: is ordered to lade upon boat Vincatation belonging to Vizagapatam the severall particulars ordered by Consultation of the 24th: of January last, and the Paymaster is ordered to take care that there be sufficient provision, water, and what else necessary for y^{e}: accomodation of y^{e}: souldiers.

M^{r} Charles Barwell Sea Customer [read his] acco^{t}: of Sea Customes for the month of [Dec^{r}: last] particulars Viz^{t}.

To Custome of goods Imported & exported this month			Pag^{s}:	[661: 14: 23]
To	Ditto	of Graine	...	[317: 26: 40]
To Anchorage				[37: 0: 0]

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To Tonnage of Ship Dilligence 50 Tons ... ... Pags. [13: 32: 0]
Deducted for a Mistak in Mr: Dolbins Ent[r]y ... ... [7: 33: 30]

Pags: [1022: 03: 33]

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 9. THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: WM: FRASER MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

Generall letter to Vizagapatam ordrs: to Zachariah Highlord serjeant, and a lettr: to ye: Sier Lasscarr of the Cartinga Countrey all of this date, read and approved.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagos: 1000 on yt: accot:.

Gundula Subunadry paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 50, which is accepted in full of his [debt to] Vizagapatam factory for the reasons mentioned in our Generall Letter to the Cheif &ca: of this date.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

9. This Evening Ship Amity Capt: James Mint[y] Commandr: and Ship Madapollam William Willmot Master (Robert Turlington the late master being Dead), [arrived] from the West Coast.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

SATURDAY EVENING 9. THE HONOBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

Capt: James Minty Commander of ship [Amity] Informing us that he had brought ashoare, [Mr: Wm:] Mossely his [second mate] Joseph Huntley Cooper and Matthew Porter Quartermaster, and [produceing] theire Confessions and Declarations signed by [Joseph Fleet] John Holding, Oliver Williams and John [Macking] which sets forth a designe laid by the [said] Mossely, Huntly and Porter, for running away [wth: shipp] on or near the West Coast of Sumatra [It is ordered] that the said Mossely, Huntley and Porter be committed to the Custody of the Marshall in [order to] their Examination, the Commander declaring [he] cannot trust any of them aboard his ship any [longer].

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

9. Boat Vincatation sailed for Vizagapatam upon which went fourteen souldiers [under] the Command of a Sergeant, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Cheif &ca: of this date.

Ship Salamantree Cojee Gregorie master arrived from Bengall.

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Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: THOMAS BARWELL. MONDAY 11.

The Pacquets from the West Coast received ♆ Ships Amity and Madapollam perused Vizt: by Ship Amity one Generall Letter dated the 14th: December, wth: the Ships Charterparty and Copy of the Rt: Honble; Companys Generall Letter dated the 3d: January 169¾ to Yorke Fort, ordering to send her hither in 14 days, if could not sen[d] her home laden wth: Pepper, and having no pepper ready besides what laden on the Madapollam, have sent her hither empty. The Pacquet by the Madapollam from [P]riamong with a letter from Mr: Frith encloseing Invoice and a Bill of Lading of Pepper, allso a particular Letter from Mr: Frith to the President dated the 30th: Novr: 1694 and another from Yorke fort containing theire Generall Letter dated the 13th: December last wth: Bookes and papers from No: 1 to 33. Upon peruseall of ye [said] Generall Letter the following Orders are resolved.

Ordered that the Pepper Bahar 97: 427 lb. and [Bales] be unladen from Shipp Madapollam.

Ordered that the Paymaster cause the accot: of Do: Shipps Voyage to bemade up and pay the arrear of wages amounting to Pags: 498: 20 fanams [and an] accot: of her stores to be taken, and to sell [ye: shipp] att outcry at the sea gate on Tuesday the [19th: Instant] and that bills be set on the Sea Gate for [that purpose] so soone as the list of stores is finish[ed] some of the smaller Gunns used at the sea gate for salutes having been sent to Vizagapatam, ordered [that 5] Gunns be taken out of the Madapollam and placed there, and what other stores are necessary [for ye: use] of the Garrison and the West Coast.

Haveing received a list of stores to be sent to Yorck Fort, the same is delivered to the storekeeper [who] is ordered to provide all the particulars therein mentioned, or as many as are procureable.

Mr: William Fraser warehouse[keeper paid into] the Rt: Honoble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1000: on accot: of goods sold.

Ordered that Pags: 1000 be paid Mr: [Wright Paymaster] for defraying charges garrison and [exchangeing Fanhams].

Ordered that Pags: 160 be paid Mr: John [Styleman] for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St: David dated the 21st: past.

Ordered that Dollars 4,010 :—:— be delivered by the warehousekeeper to Mr: Samuel Langley [in Discharge] of a Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Yorke Fort dated the 13th: October 1694 weighing oz. 3438: dwt. 16 either in [Piller] Dollars or Estimates by weight takeing his [receipt] on the backe of the bill for the same.

Mr: Samuel Langley delivered, his [answer as] desired on the 5th: Instant, wherein he do's [declare that] Shipp Dorothy will not proceed for the West Coast, and that he will not take oz. 31½ Silver a Candy for [his] Pepper, we thereupon offer'd him oz. 33 ♆ Candy which he refuses to accept off.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper pay the following Sumes of Dollers to the following Persons, being for Bills drawn upon us by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Yorke Fort as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 13th: December last for the value paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Vizt.

To Mr Richard Elliot Dollers 2140: In. 1: sat. 1 [to Mr:] Alvaro da Fonseca Dollers 1,000: —:— both Dated in December last, allso Dollers 485: to William

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Willmot being for one Bill dated the 11th: December last [being for] cloth deliver'd by Philip Hawthorne to Hugh Kennedy at [P]riamong for the Rt: Honble: Comp's accot: all presented this day, payable ten days after sight.

It is observed in the Yorke Fort Generall Letter that they give us no advice which encourages the resettlement of Indapora, and 'tis their [oppinion] that neither that can be effected, or trade [carried] on currantly so long as differences continue between the Emperor, Young Prince and the Rajahs [the Rt:] Honble: Company having left the care of [that place] to us and in every Generall Letter command us to do all that is necessary for the [preservation] and settlement of the Pepper trade particularly [in ye:] 36 and 39 Paragraph of their Generall Letter Dated the 3d: January 169¾. It is unanimously [resolved] that it is necessary that some fitting person be sent thither, as was intended by the late [Generall] and is prescribed in the said 39 Paragraph [under] such a character, and with such an authority and Equipage, forces and stocke, as may [enable] him not only to settle or decide the difference between the Emperor, Prince and Rajahs [but reduce] the Rt: Honble: Companys: Servants and affaires [into a] good regulation, and it is allso our [opinion that] Mr: Charles Barwell is the fittest person for that service, But being one of the Councill [it is] considered the Rt: Honble: Company have [ordered that] their Councill of Fort St: George should not be removed, and it is allso [considered] that that order was given formerly when notwithstanding Mr: Hatsell was upon a like [necessity] removed to be Governr: of Fort St: David, our reso[lution]therein is referred till Wednesday next.

Upon Anco's Petition It is ordered [that ye:] fine of Pags: 100 awarded against him and [per]petuall banishment be suspended, and [that] he be set at liberty, he giving bond for his [good] behaviour, wth: security to the Judges satisfaction. But in case of his misbehaviour for ye: future [ye: judgemt:] to stand in force.

Ordered that Pags: 600 be paid to Kittee Narrain being for one bill of Exchange dated the 4th: Instant Drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St: David payable at three days after sight.

Doctor Blackwall having frequently [petitioned] us for his liberty, and now offering Mr: Daniel Gifford and Mr: Edward Bawgus for his [security] It is agreed that the said security be accepted and a bond of two thousand Pags: taken [for] his good behaviour and appearance and [that the] execution of the Judgement of the [Court of] Admiralty for his being sent home be [suspended].

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 13. THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

Upon further [consideration] of Mr: Barwells proceeding to the West Coast, it is unanimously resolved that he goe the latter end of this month or the begining of the next, with full authority [to] Supravise and Settle ye: affairs there as [well] relating to the Countrey Government as the Rt: Honble: Compas: servants according to Instructions to be hereafter given and agreed and that he may ye: [better] informe himselfe in the present state of affairs there, that he forthwith state the accots: of the sea customs, and quit all other businesse at the sea gate and choultrey, and apply himselfe to the peruseall of the accounts, Consultations, Letters &cas: relating to the West Coast.

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Resolved that ship Amity be sent thither upon this occasion, and that the Commander have notice to provide accordingly.

That thirty souldiers Europe and Topases [be] sent upon said ship under the command of a person fitt to serve as Lieutenant at Yorke Fort, there being none there fitt for that office and that more souldiers be hereafter sent when those come out by the Martha and Success shall arrive from Bengall.

That Mr: Matthew Mildmay do accompany Mr: Barwell as his assistant to be of Councill at York Fort during their stay and that two other factors and two writers be sent wth: him to stay, and be employed there as occasion [shall require].

Ordered that Pags: 150 be paid to the washermen for cureing the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cloth.

Zulphaker Cawn having sent his perwanna received yesterday for releasing Arsemonaigues servants Royala, Puntala &cs: who upon the Duans demanding them as accountable for Arsemonaigues Estate, have been put under ye: Watch of the Talliars. It is ordered that they be released.

The Nabob having sent another letter (read this day) to prevent Ram Raz running away [by sea] an answer thereunto was read and approved, also desireing him to send a letter to his father Assid Cawn to put him in mind of the Phirmaund.

Ordered that the Land Customer do on [Monday] next bring in musters of all sorts of Buzar cloth Imported in the Choultrey, wth: an acct: of their prices dimensions and quantities procureable.

Mr: Empson having not yet finished ye: Examination of the acct: of the Sea Customs ending with September last. It is for the present resolved that he be [not] employed therein, nor in any other businesse of the Rt: Honble: Comps: till it is done. The reason [whereof] is because he hath not attended that businesse as he ought to have done, and seems to [avoid doeing] it, and therefore if it be not finished [in] a months time, or good reason given why it can't [be don that] he be suspended then from the Rt: Honble: Comps service.

Mr: John Meverell appearing not to be [concern'd] in the sea Custome acct: when the Errors were made, It is ordered that he returne to officiate there as receiver.

Ordered that the following Bills drawn on us by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St. David be paid Viz^t, To Capt: Mathias [Hatton] Dated the 2d Instant Pags: 350. To Mr: Batson Pearson dated the 9th Instant Pags: 200.

The Arrac farmers paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 166: 24: on that acct: and the [late Beetle] farmers Pags: 208: 12: being the balance of yt: acct: ending the last of January 169⅘.

Ordered that twenty-five pieces of Broad [cloth] ordinary be delivered to Japa Chittee at Pags: [26] each, but to be sound, and five pieces of Perpetuanoes fine at Pags: 14: 18: each and to pay his money [at] the end of fortey days after the date hereof.

Ordered that 114 bales from Fort St. David [come] upon the London friggat, be brought ashore [to be] better pack'd, their condition being much complained of by the Captaine.

NATH: HIGGINSON. THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER. CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.

Received two Generall Letters from the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the 5th and 7th January last wch: came by ship Dolphin to Pollicat (where [she] is detained by contrary winds) and from thence brought overland by the Master. 13

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the 12th Instant. 14

Briggantine Mackerell John Tyler master arrived in this road from Fort St. David, by whom recd: a generall Letter dated the 15th Instant incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for 119 Bales [sent] upon Ditto Briggantine. 16

Received a Generall Letter from the Cheif &cs: att Vizagapatam dated the 30th past. 17

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Present

MONDAY 18. THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

The Generall lettr: from Vizagapatam dated [ye: 30th: Jan:] being read, It is observed that the Rajahs [do apply to] the Sier Lasscarre for an accommodation [and therefore] they thinke the danger is over and [that they] have no oppertunity to send their bales [hither. they also] send us two Rupees as a Muster [wch: will] pass more Currantly, because a little [broader then ye: Madrass stamp. It is resolved not to alter ye: stamp because it was received from ye: Prince and Vizier,] and the broader the rupee the more [difficult] to stamp.

The Sea Customer having better opportunity then the warehousekeeper of receiving [freight] for goods Imported on the Rt: Honble: Comps: [shipps] It is ordered for the future that the Sea Customer do receive and accot: for the same in the [monthley] accot: of the Sea Customes.

Ordered that the Paymaster do pay [Capt:] James Minta Pags: 9: 24: being so much [due to] him according to an agreement (now produced) made wth: the Governour and Councill of Yorke Fort, for the Diett of Lieutent: Alexander Delgardiner in his passage hither.

Ordered that 119 Bales Fort St. David [goods] be unladen from Briggantine Mackerrell ye: freight paid and the Package examined, [and] if there be occasion repack'd.

The President read his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for the month of January last the balance being Pags: 851: 2: 4.

Ordered that 200 Pags: worth of Silver fans: and 300 Pags: in Copper Cash wth: Malay inscriptions be coined for the West Coast.

Mr: Langley delivered [a paper] (as entered after this Consultation) It was thereupon resolved that if he would spare us his Pepper] at Pags: 24 ℔ Candy we would lett him sell his [dam]maged cloth here [as desire]d, otherwise not.

Mr: Langley being [acquainted] therewith answered that he [could not] spare his Pepper at Pags: 24 ℔ Candy, having [refused 27 Pags: per Candy it] was thereupon declared [to him that] we cannot consent to the disposeall [of any of his] Europe Cloth here, and our reason is, [that tho it is ye: same] interest, yet the standing [soe strictly] upon ye: advance of his Voyage, that [he will not] let us have his Pepper thô it be thought [convenient for ye:] Lading of the shipp [home] [Wee are thereby] to consider the Interest of this [Factory and not] to suffer the vend of our Europe [cloth to be] obstructed by favouring his Voyage.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Having now done surveighing [all our cargo] of cloth, I request your leave for the [disposal of] that part of it which is damaged, believing [ye: carrying] of it to China may disgrace the goods, [and that it] will not sell so well there as at this place.

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Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your most humble servant
SAMUEL LANGLEY.

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Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR — WEDNESDAY. 20.
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

Ordered that Pags: two hundred and thirty be paid Mr: Mathew Mildmay being for one Bill of Exchange dated the 12th Instant drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St. David payable at three days after sight.

Latchima being found guilty of murther by the Jury on the 13th Instant, by her own confession and sentenced to [dye.] The circumstances of the case are considered, [that] she threw herselfe [and] child into a well to [drowne] both, but there [being not] water enough [to drown] her she [was] saved. The occasion was to prevent their dyeing a lingring Death by famine, having no food nor freinds.

At the same time another man Indicted [for] murther which he had confessed before [his tryall] and two or three others for Burglary and robbery all which thô acquitted for want of legall proofe yet are guiltey in the common opinion of the [natives] who notwithstanding the reasons of Proceedings, will reflect [on] our Justice for hanging an old woman under such pitifull circumstances, when [they see] so many great Criminals acquitted, one whereof had confessed himselfe guiltey of a barberous [murther] and it is notoriously known that in the late famine many families in these parts [destroyed] themselves by fire and water to prevent a lingring Death. It is resolved that the said Latchima's life be spared by a repreive, and that the Justices take care that she be put out of Town being a stranger.

Ordered that twelve Butts of Bengall [arrack] be laden on shipp Amity for York Fort.

There being an accot: of about fortey bahar of Pepper imported by the Officers of Shipp's Amity & Madapollam and private accot: It is ordered that the [same be] bought at Pags: 24 ℔ Candy for the which [ye: money] to be paid on the warehousekeepers [certificate] of the quantity of each Proprietor [Mr: Wright reports ye: sale of shipp Madapollam] by outcry to Nocquedah Gregorie an Armenian for Pags: five hundred and twenty. It is ordered that [a bill] of sale be given him for the ship upon receipt of the money.

Mr: William Fraser warehouse keeper [read his] accots: for the moneth of December last.

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accot: of passes for the month of January last and paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 16 : being [ye: amot:] of their part.

Ordered that on Friday next the 22d: Instant a Court martiall be held at nine a clocke in the morning in the Inner fort, for the tryall of William Mossely Second mate, John Huntly Coopr: and Matthew Porter belonging to Ship Amity [who are] accused of a design of running away with the ship, and the Attorney Generall is ordered [to draw] up an information against the said [Persons].

Timapa &ca: Merchants having been [discoursed] concerning makeing an Investment, [they now] deliver their answer, that they will undertake to deliver Callicoes to the amount of fifteen thousand Pags: by the last of June [next, upon] the same terms as the last fifteen thousand Pags:, but they cannot take off any Europe goods [on] accot: of an Investment, nor contract for more then the aforementioned sume.

[It was thereupon] declared to them that we cannot treat farther with them [abot: an Investment] till they can comply for takeing off some Europe goods and

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that we make the first offer to them for an Investment of 50,000 Pag^{s}: or as much more as they please, and they were ordered to consider further of it.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

21. Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David Dated the 19th: Instant wth: copy of their Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated the 17th: January last &c^{a}: papers sent ℔ Ship Princesse Anne of Denmarke.

Shipp Nossa Senhora Boa vista Daniel [Gores] master arrived in this road from Bengall.

22. Shipp Dolphin Zachariah Stilgo Mas^{r}: [arrived] in this road from Bengall Laden wth: [rice, Bales &c^{a}:].

24. Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the 22nd: Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 25. THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL.

Nocquedah Gregorie paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: five hundred and twenty for ship Madapollam sold him the 19th: Instant at [outcry].

Ordered that Pag^{s}: two hundred and fiftey be paid M^{r}: Charles Barwell, being for one bill of exchange Drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 22nd: Instant payable three days after sight.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges of Garrison and Shipping.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: five hundred twenty five be paid Cap^{t}: Charles Metcalfe for 140 Teake Timbers at Pag^{s}: 3¾ each.

Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of this day read and approved.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 1,000 on acco^{t}: of goods sold, and M^{r}: Barwell Sea Customer Pag^{s}: 2083: 6 fanams on acco^{t}: of Sea Customes, and read his acco^{t}: of Sea Customes for the month of January last particulars Viz^{t}.

To Custome of goods Imported and exported this month							1,410: 19: 3
Ditto of Graine	...	...	...	...	...	...	990: 2: 1
Anchorage	...	...	...	...	...	...	[85: ... ...]
						Pag^{s}	[2,485: 21: 4]

M^{r}: Edmund Mountague Prov^{l}: Land Customer paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 208: on acco^{t}: of Land Customes.

The tobacco farmers paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 466: 24 on that account.

At a Court martiall held the 22^{d} Instant John Huntley and Matthew Porter were sentenc^{d}: to receive seaventeen Lashes each wth: a Catt of nine tailes aboard of the three Europe Shipps on the twenty sixth Instant, and William Mossely the Second mate to be degraded from his office, and all to be discharged from ship Amity, and to be kept in the common prison ashoare at the ships charge, till oppertunity offers for sending them to England, The said sentence is approved and ordered to be executed.

Ordered that the Bookeeper do give acco^{t}: currant London credit for Ten slabbs of Lead weighing $\overset{\text{cwt}}{13} : \overset{\text{qr}}{1} : \overset{\text{lb}}{8}$ at the Invoice price, received from ship

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London friggat more then the number of slabbs and weight mentioned in her Invoice or Bill of Lading from England.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 1056: 10 fan^{s}: be paid John Dolbin Esq^{r}: being both Principal and Interest due on a bond dated the second August 94.

The President propounded to [y^{e}: Councill] the consideration of the Generalls order in his Letter of the 5th: December last concerning the filling up of the Councill of Fort St. George [to the] number appointed by the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company.

Walachy Chittee offering to take the [farme of] Beetle at three thousand Pag^{s}: and the Tobacco [at two] thousand nine hundred a year, and to [concerne] and engage the cast of Chittees therein, this proposeall is agreed, if the present farmers [who took] it a month since (are willing as is represent[ed]) to resigne it.

In order to the Instructions to be given [to Narraine] in treating wth: the northern merchants for [takeing] off of Europe goods, and provideing chey and [fine goods] It is considered.

1. It is best that the merchants receive [y^{e}: Europe] goods here and deliver the Callicoes here [they] running the risgoe of the sea. But this having been formerly endeavoured since the wthdrawing from Metchlepatam &c^{a}: there is little ground to [hope] for their complyance now, the same reasons [which] did obstruct it then holding good still Viz^{t}. That the merchants cannot carry on their business without the allowance of y^{e} Countrey Government.

2. They will never permit the Merch^{ts}: business to go on currantly unlesse a factory be settled, or the appearance of a factory, that the Merchants may shelter themselves under the English name and Priviledge w^{ch}: will require y^{e}: maintenance of an Englishman or 2 and other Serv^{ts}: to keep up y^{e}: forme of a factory w^{ch}: charges and all other charges must by contract be borne by the Merchants.

3. It is probable that not only y^{e}: Merchants but y^{e}: Countrey Goverment of Madapollam, Metchlepatam and Pettipollee, will all desire a settlement to be made at each place, but y^{e}: vending of Europe Cloth, being y^{e}: maine thing, and it appeareing most adviseable that it be put into y^{e}: hands of one Company, that they be able to governe y^{e}: Markett, it follows y^{t}: its best to make a contract but in one place.

4. The trade of Golcondah cannot be driven from Madapollam, but it may be carried on either from Metchlepatam or Pettipollee or Durampaut, Metchlepatam is y^{e}: place from whence y^{e}: Dutch drive theire trade to Golcondah, who formerly sent up all theire goods on theire own acco^{ts}: to theire Factory and it was sould, but y^{e}: last yeare they have sold the Merchants of Metchlepatam Joynt wth: some of Golcondah Pago^{s}: 200,000 in Copper, Spices &c^{a}: Goods of India, deliverable in Metchlepatam, and payable att certain times, and the Merchants send the goods to Golcondah in theire owne names and risque. In the like Method may a contract be made with y^{e}: same or other Merchants for Europe goods. But its better that none of those concerned in y^{e}: Dutch contract be concerned in this, and if y^{e}: Trade be settled in Metchlepatam, it will require a greater charge to keep up the post sutable to y^{e}: Dutch and French, and it will be better to be seperate from them. The buisiness may be therefore best carried on at Pettipollee and Durampaut, the Pettipollee Merchants haveing formerly sent up Europe goods from thence to Golcondah, and they may as well be sent from Durampaut being nearer, but there are 2 considerations w^{ch}: render Durampaut y^{e}: most preferable 1. Because y^{e}: road, Barr, and landing is much better. 2. That is y^{e}: Countrey from whence y^{e}: Pettipollee and Metchlepatam Merchants brought most of theire fine and chey goods, they used to provide for y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and consequently can be afforded cheaper there then in Metchlepatam.

5. As to y^{e}: Merchants to be employed, it is best to choose them out of those who have formerly served y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: at Pettipollee, whereof y^{e}: richest men live neare Durampaut, adding also some of y^{e}: Metchlepatam

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Merchants who are not concerned with the Dutch, they being all now mett together at a Town neare Durampaut to make up y^e^: acco^ts^: of former contracts, it will be a verry convenient time for Narraine to treat with them, whilst they are there, and therefore y^t^: he be sent away forthwith w^th^: Instructions wherein its thought necessary to instruct him with the whole secret, otherwise he would run upon notions inconsistent with y^e^: designe.

The said Instructions read and approved as follows after this Consultation.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

Instructions to Narraine.

Haveing considerable quantity of Europe Cloth and lead more then will suddainly sell here, Wee thinke it necessary for y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Service to try if a way can be found out for vending it among y^e^: Merchants of the Northern Factories, both they and y^e^: Countrey Goverments being verry desireous of our resettling, it is verry probable that y^e^: Govern^rs^: either of Metchlepatam, Pettipollee, or Durampaut will readily grant y^e^: necessary Coules and Assistance; and y^e^: Merchants engage in a contract, especially since wee propound that they shall pay for theire Europe goods in chey and fine Callicoes.

Wee have chosen you as y^e^: fittest Person to manage this buisiness, w^ch^: if you can effect will be a great service to the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: and Credit to yourselfe.

Wee know who were y^e^: cheifest Merchants formerly in those places, but wee cannot now tell in what condition they are, nor how they stand affected one to another. Wee must therefore leave it to you, who have been acquainted with most of them, and will better understand theire Condition and capacity when you come there, to treat with such as you Judge most capable and trusty among the old Merchants, as you find will agree best with them.

It is a good oppertunity that many of the northern Merchants are now mett together at a Town neare Durampaut to make up y^e^: acco^ts^: of theire old contracts. You are first to proceed thither, and after 2 or 3 dayes private discourse to find out theire Inclinations, treat with them, or such of them as you thinke best, the first thing to be propounded to them is, that they contract yearley to receive in Fort St: George 100,000 Pag^s^: of Europe Cloth and Lead, and deliver in Fort St: George the value in Callicoes of y^e^: Comp^a^: muster, both at y^e^: former rates of y^e^: Northern Factories and upon theire risgoe. If they object against y^e^: quantity you may contract with them for a lesser summe, as much as they will consent to.

If they will not comply w^th^: y^e^: recieving and delivering in Fort St: George, you may then heare theire proposalls, which will probably be that a Factory be settled as formerley, that they may recieve part money, and part Europe goods to deliver y^e^: Callicoes to be sorted in y^e^: Factory.

You may thereupon comply with them soe farr as to admitt of y^e^: Settlement of a Factory, but upon these conditions, that all y^e^: charges of y^e^: Factory be borne by themselves and that they shall att least take off 30,000 Pago^s^: of Europe goods only, rateing them at y^e^: old prizes, or if they will take of 50,000 Pago^s^: or more, at an abatement of one Pagoda per piece ordinary Broad Cloth, and y^e^: rest proportionably if there be occasion you may take of y^e^: Northern abatements, and if they will not comply, you must then stand upon those termes, and either lett them come hither, or waite till you give an acco^t^: and recieve our further orders.

If there be occasion for settling any English men there, wee thinke Durampaut is the best place, because Europe goods may be carried from thence to

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Golcondah as well as from Metchlepatam, and it is better to be further from the Dutch, y^e^: Road and Barr is better; Fine Cloth and chey goods is much better and cheaper there, and there are rich Merchants thereabouts, but if you find by reason of any obstructions from y^e^: Goverment that y^e^: Merchants cannot send theire Europe goods from thence to Golcondah, where they must be sould at last, It is vaine to treat with them any further, but must proceed to treat with the Merchants of Metchlepatam and Madapollam, where probably they will contract for some course goods with the fine.

However, if y^e^: Merchants of Durampaut and Pettipollee will contract to deliver yearley tenn or 20,000 Pag^s^: of half fine, and half chey goods in Fort St: George in y^e^: month of Decem^r^: by y^e^: Comp^s^: old muster at the last factory price, wee will on [receipt] of their cloth pay them ready money [with a] years interest at Ten ℔ Cent, and [you may] conclude with them accordingly.

It is a great argument with the [Durampaut] Merchants to induce them to comply [with] your proposealls for settling there, that by this means they will make [y^e^: the center of] the English trade in all those parts.

In all contracts for Callicoes, they [must be] made deliverable ready washed and Embaled in the months of September and December.

If the merchants will not comply w^th^ none of our proposealls, discourse them further and receive their proposealls, and send [them] with your opinion, and we will send you [an answer] with all expedition.

You may assure the Merchants that [there] will be nothing demanded of them for y^e^: future by any cheifs as was formerly five ℔ Cent [and 10 per] cent on the Investments but they shall receive all the profit to themselves.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CH: BARWELL.

Whereas there is in a Consultation of the 5^th^ Instant mention made of a bundle of the [60 coveds] Long cloth, viewed by the President and Councill in the afternoon of said day in the Merch^ts^: Godown where one bundle of the 60 coveds Longcloth being produced and viewed, it was then declared by China Tombe that it was the same bundle I had seen and viewed in the forenoon, which he spoke for a truth not knowing better, and so much I own that he said so, but to bring that matter to the test, the [better] to see the clear truth, I do affirme, and offer to [prove] that China Tombe having gone home to dinner at or before noone said day, he delivered the Key of the godown to Tundava Chittee, who [in the] absence of China Tombe, did w^th^: the assistance of others then present pick, cull and sort out of the rest of that cloth one bundle and made it up with straw ropes, and put it in the Godown instead of that bundle which I viewed in the morning so that if I prove this to be true, I think that entry made, grounded upon a mistaken information to my prejudice, ought not to stand in the roome of [truth] which I intimated before that Consultation [was] wrote out fair, which is the reason I cannot [signe] to that Consultation w^th^: out an exception [w^ch^: I am] unwilling to do if any expedient may be [found to] save that trouble.

WILLIAM FRASER. 25TH FEB. 169⅘.

Delivered Passes to [nine] Boats all [bound to] Tompatterree.

℔^mo^: This morning Shipps' Armenian [Merchant] and Morning Starr arrived in this road from [China]. MARCH 169⅘.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY. THE HONBLE NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL.

Mr: William Fraser warhousekeeper paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: goods sold and read his storekeepers accot: for the months of December and January last.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper [do pay] Capt: James Minta two hundred Dollers on his charter party terms, according to his request as [entered] after this Consultation.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Shipp Armenian Merchant be[ing this day] arrived from China, It is resolved [that ye: Comand[r]] and freighters be ordered to hasten [ye unladeing] of the ship, and that the ship [be laden and] dispatched for England with all possible [expedition and that] a bill be set on the sea gate [to give notice to all those] who have any remains of permissive [trade] to be returned to England, that they finish ye: same [by this ship and that they do in five days time] deliver their Invoices or Bills of Lading to the Warehouse Keeper.

Ordered that the following goods be laden on aboard the Amenian Merchant as ye: Commander calls for them.

Saltpetre	Baggs	1,000
Red Wood	Ton	14½
Indigo	Chests	2
Ditto	Baggs	22
Pepper west coast	Candy	150
Madrasse goods	Bales	300

and what other Lading shall be then wanting to be compleated out of the Fort St David Bales.

Orders to the freighters and Commander of Ship Armenian Merchant, read and signed as entered after this Consultation.

The Judge delivers two papers or declarations signed one by Timapa, and the other by Narrain and Vincatteputtee. The purport whereof [is] that they heard Mooda Verona when alive [say] that Colla Vincatadry (or Vincatadry) told him [that] those who are against President Yale are dead, [there] are but two liveing and they will dye in a [short] time (which papers are ordered to be entred after this Consultation) The Judge [remarks that] Narraine is not possitive whether 'twas Nella Vincatadry, or Colla Vincatadry who spoke the words, But that both Narraine and Timapa do declare that there were severall papers of informations sign'd by severall persons delivered to Mr: Wavell and Mr: Gray to the same purport, but cannot now be found, and that besides the two papers beforementioned he hath not yet gained any further information, Colla Vincatadry the person mentioned, having some time since left the place, and that upon the whole he thinkes 'tis more easily believed than proved.

The Generall Letter from his Excellency the Generall of India dated the 5th December, ordering that the Councill of Fort St: George be filled to the number appointed by the Rt: Honble: Company if not allready done, and the Generall Letter from the Rt: Honble: Company dated the 10th: Aprill 1693, appointing the number to be five besides ye: Generall President and Mr: Hatsell whereas [there are but[4.]] Vizt: Mr: Fraser, Mr: Styleman, Mr: Wright and Mr: Barwell. The President doth [propound to ye:] Councill to give their opinions [whither it be]necessary to adde another [person to Councill now workeing resolved unanimously in ye:] affirmative. The President doeth [nominate Mr:] Edward Tredcroft

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as the person whom [he thinkes] the fittest to be added to the Councill, [who being] approved by the majority, was sent for [and tooke] his place as last of Councill.

Ordered that Mr: Tredcroft officiate [as sea Customer] till Mr Barwell returne from the West coast commencing the accots from this first [of March] and that Mr: John Meverell be receiver, [Mr: Enoch] Walsh searcher, Mr: William Morrice [searcher] for the graine, Mr: Batson Pearson writer and that another person be hereafter added for an assistant to the searcher.

Ordered that Mr: Thomas Marshall be register of the Court of Admiralty and court [Martiall].

NATH: HIGGINSON
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

To THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR:
PRESIDENT &CA: COUNCILL.

I desire your Honr &ca will be pleased to supply me with two hundred Dollers [part] of what mentioned in Shipp Amities Charter party, for furnishing the said shipp [with] Victualls and necessaries.

Honble Sr &ca
Your most humble Servant
JAMES MINTY.

To MR: RICHARD TRENCHFEILD &CA:
FREIGHTERS OF SHIPP ARMENIAN MERCHANT.

Having resolved to send the Ship Armenian Merchant home as soon as she can be unladen and Laden, we desire you to use your utmost Diligence in unladeing the shipp wth all expedition in order to which the Sea Customer has orders to furnish as many Boats as the shipp can employ.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

To CAPT: THOMS: NEWNAM COMMANDR:
OF SHIPP ARMENIAN MERCHANT.

Having [a lading] ready to put aboard your shipp in order [to ye: dispatch] for England, and the time of [yeare being far spent] that unlesse you make [a very quick] and diligent Dispatch [in] the unlading and Lading, [you will be] in danger of looseing your passage Wee [therefore] order you to make all the hast you [possibly] can therein, having appointed as [many Boats] to attend that service as your Shipp [can employ].

Being informed that you have [laden in China] a considerable quantity of goods for [Europe where] of you have not given an accot: to the [Freighters] of the shipp We hereby require of you an [acct:] of all the goods and gold you have [caused to be] laden upon your shipp in China, [more then] what ordered by the supra cargo.

THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.

One day Mooda Verona went to President Yale to make a salam, afterwards comeing down [staires] meets Vincatadry, discourseing of severall [things,] Vincatadry tells Mooda Verona, observe [most of] those that were against President Yale [are ruined] and gone, there is but one or two more [remaining] you

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shall see they shall be gone [in a few days] Mooda Verona hearing of this comes [and acquaints] me of it in the presence of Vincatteeputtee Choultry Dubash who allso has signed [this].

KITTEE NARRAINE CHIEF DUBASH.
VINCATTEPUTTEE CHITTEE CHOULTREY DUBASH.

TRANSLATE OF WHAT MOODA VERONA DECLARED [TO] BEAR TIMAPA ON THE THIRD OF JULY [1692]

Mooda Verona one day went to pay his salam to the late Governour Yale, at which [time]the said Mr: Yale was buisey in his room wth: his door [shut, he then] sat down upon a chair wthout, watching [an oppertunity] to pay his salam, then at the same time Colla Vincatadry come and sat by him and told him what do you come to pay your respects to [yr: Master] wth: a few empty words, he has no kindnesse [for] such and if you will leave off goeing to the Councill and breake of your freindship with Timapa and promise to stand his freind, be it for good [or] bad, then Governour Yale will have a kindness for you, and will do you no hurt, then Mooda Verona answered, that both the Govr: and Councill were his freinds, and that he made no difference between them, then Vincatadry told him do you not know how Pursortum Vincatteputtee the Choultrey Dubash suffer'd for it, by his [being of] such a humour as you are off, He said that whenever the choultrey Dubash wanted [to goe out] he used to aske the Justices [leave and goe] out likewise, you may see that [by his goeing] to a wedding with leave of the [justices he is turned] out for it, and now why do's [not ye Councill] put him into place againe [but this is no] offence ye: Govr: is a great man [and if you doe] as he would have you, you will not come in[to any trouble] Mooda Verona gave him for answer [that he never] did anything to bring him into trouble [then Colla] Vincatadry said do you not know that [you cannot] have your mothers money, for if you [demand it] you will be turned out of Town, for if [ye: Govr:] is minded to it he is able to forward any [thing yt: is] out of reason, now what benefit is it to [you to have] the Councills freindship, it may be you may thinke that he will be out of place [but it] will never be, for he is a rich man, [whoever is] against my master must either [dye] or be ruined by trouble, and you shall see that with[in] a few days Mr Gray will dye, therefore [take my] advice and Councill and consider of [it well] when Colla Vincatadry had this [discourse with] Mooda Verona, there was present [Terragu] Potiah and another Metchlepatam [Merchr:] Mooda Verona told me these words [on ye: above] mentioned day, what he declared [to me I have] wrote here.

(Signed) TIMAPA.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATTURDAY 2. THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: [BARWELL]
MR: EDWARD [TREDCROFT].

As to ye: disposeall of shipp Armenian Merchant and London ffriggat it is propounded.

1. That the London ffriggat go home immediatly so soon as her Lading can be finished.

2. That she stay five or six weeks time and goe home in Company wth the Armenian Merchant.

3. That she proceed to Vizagapatam wth: Saltpetre only, and there lye till their bales are all washed and Pack'd and Laden, and from thence to ye: West Coast to fill up with Pepper.

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4. That the Armenian Merchant be dispatcht as soon as she can be unladen and Laden.

5. That she stay a month or five weeks [and go] home in company w^th^: the London ffriggat, or alone.

The first depends upon two things, that [there] be a probability of saveing her passage, and [that] we have a sufficient Ladeing left for y^e^: Armenian Merchant.

As to the Second if that shipp [stay five weekes] she must have her four [months demorrage and] may spend that time [in y^e^: Countrey] and doe service by goeing [to Vizagapatam] and the West Coast and get home as soone from thence as from this place five weekes hence, on y^e^: other hand its convenient that 2 shipps goe home in Company.

As to y^e^: third if y^e^: Vizagapatam Bales be not fetched by y^e^: London Friggott, Wee cannot expect them till September.

As to y^e^: fourth y^e^: shipps charter party time is expired, and we must dispatch her as soone as we can in common course. But [if y^e^: Comand^r^] can't dispatch the unlading and [ladeing time] enough to save her passage, it is then indifferent whether she be dispatched in a fortnight or a month, but we cannot order the Commander to stay but if in his and the other commanders opinion it is most convenient for the Ships [passage to] stay five weeks, and the Commander [doth oblidge] himselfe by writeing under his [hand to stay] for his Lading, we are not obliged to force him to go sooner.

It being propounded to the Commanders [of] the Europe ships whether they thinke it probable the shipps departing from hence by the [10^th^: Instant] or sooner may gaine her passage and whither a ship that is not ready by the twentieth Instant may not better stay till the middle of Appril then go in March. They have delivered this [oppinion that] it is improbable to gaine their passage [and that its] better for the ship to stay till the [middle or latter end of] April as appears by their papers entered after this Consultation.

As to y^e^: question whether wee may have sufficient Ladeing for y^e^: Armenian Merchant, if wee send away the London Friggott presently laden, It is considered y^t^: there is no reason to depend on y^e^: Vizagapatam Bales, because y^e^: Monsoon is past, and without those Bales wee are not possessed of Bales enough and upon a calculate made of what may reasonably be expected from Fort St. David and Fort St. George Merchants in a Months time wee cannot depend on more then 200 Bales and [there is noe appearance of permissive] goods so that what wee have and expect will not be sufficient [goods unless we can buy other goods] such as Pepper, Cassia [Lignum, Cubebs, Benjamin] Gallingall, But all the [Pepper wee have] or is in town to be bought, will not amo^t^: to above three hundred candy, and there [is no Cassia] Lignum cubebs or gallingall, and little [Benjamin] of the best sort and that very deare, [so that wee] cannot reasonably depend on a Lading [for y^e^:] Armenian Merchant.

The premisses considered, we conclude that [y^e^: London friggat be not laden now for England but proceed to Vizagapatam to take in those bales & from thence to the West coast and fill up w^th^: Pepper for Europe, unlesse in the mean time, which we have no reason to expect, the Vizagapatam Bales shall arrive here.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

TO THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT &C^A^: COUNCILL.

HON^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^.

In pursuance of your Hon^r^: &c^a^: orders and desires to us of this dayes date in writeing [our oppinion] is that if a ship be dispatched [from hence for] Europe

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[2ND] between the first and 10th day of March] the gaining of her Passage is verry un certaine and improbable, by reason of great calms which are met between the [latitude] of 5d: or 6d: north and so on to 3d: or 4d: south and great currants running about to the north and when the passage is obtained to the lattitude of 10d: or 12d: S.o: the time will be so far spent by that time they obtaine the Lattitude of the Cape, and to the westward of the head of the Island of St: Laurence, [that ye:] winds be set in at and between the So: W & [No: W.] which will cause much damage & danger and difficulty by reason of the length of the Passage she has to performe, when she hath obtained her passage about the Cape, therefore we thinke it more safe to stay till the middle or latter end of Aprill and then to goe to the Marushes or elsewhere according to order.

JAMES [MINTY].
THOMAS [NEWNAM].

Fort St: George
2d March 169⅘.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Your Honr: requireing my opinion whither a ship may gaine her passage for Europe goeing from thence the tenth of March, I cannot upon my owne experience affirme that shee may gain it or not, never goeing later from this Port then ye: 29th: of January, thô have great reason to believe shee will not, that season of ye: Yeare affording but small breezes, till wee have crost ye: line, in the yeare 1693 the Rebecca was from ye: 29 January till ye: 4o: of March saileing from this Port into 4o: So.: Lattitude, I have been goeing about ye: Cape ye: 29th: May But for goeing from hence ye: 20th: of March or 20th: of Appril I never did goe at either of those times, nor am I capable to Judge what may be ye: consequence of striveing for a passage so late.

Fort St: George
2d: March 169⅘. JAMES MARRINER.

2 Delivered Passes to Brigganteene Mackrill and Sloop John and Betty.

Mr: Richard Denew who came out a writer on ship London Friggott dyed this morning of a flux.

3 Shipp Jaggernayakoola belonging to John Feraira arrived in this road from Barway laden with graine &ca.

5 Briggantine Mackrill John Tyler master, and sloop John and Betty Phillip Van Coulster master sailed for Bengall. This evening Mr: John Butterfield arrived from Fort St: David and brought 2 generall letters dated ye: 1st: and 2d: Instant.

6 Received a generall letter from the President and Councill of Surrat dated ye: 24th January 1694–95 adviseing that they hope to dispatch ye: Defence and Resolution for England ye: beginning of February, also coppy of a clause of a letter from ye: Generall dated at Bombay the 9 ditto adviseing ye: receipt of a letter from Capt: Wright dated at Muskat ye: 26th of December 1694, who is detained by ye: Arabs with his shipp and Cargo, and that they have abused Girder extreamly in ye: sale of his Cargo giveing him 30 per Cent less than the prime cost, said letter informes of ye: Nassaw's being neare ye: Island of Masseira (from whence being in want) they sent Mr: North a Factor and ye: second Mate of ye: shipp to Muskat to procure provisions, who are detained there, and that they much feare if the Nassaw should come in they would seize her, and that tenn of theire shipps are gone to plunder Congo.

Last night a shipp of about 200 Tonn belonging to the Nabob of Cutteck bound from Ballisore to this place, with rice, Bales &ca: was by ye: negligence and unskilfulness of ye: Pilot run ashoare to ye: Northward of Trivilore.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR ; PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR — THURSDAY 7.
MR : WILLIAM FRASER MR : JOHN STYLEMAN
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR : [CHARLES BARWELL]
MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr John Butterfeild being according to our orders arrived from Fort St : David, and willing to accompany Mr : Charles Barwell to the West coast. It is ordered that he proceed and returne [wth : him] esteeming him a person capable to give [good] assistance in the settlement of affairs [there].

Ordered that Pags : 400 be paid Mr : Thomas Wright and Pags : 456 : 1 : 5 : to Mr : Alvaro da Fonseca [being for] two Bills of Exchange dated the pmo : Instant, Drawn on us by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St : David payable at three days after sight.

The Paymaster is orderd to entertain the Son of Francis Creall deceased, Gun stocke maker, and to discharge Stephen Fowls from ye : gun roome and to advance two hundred Pags : to ye : Brickmakers accot : and to send one hundred Pags : [to Pollicat] for chinam.

It being resolved to send about [30,000] Dollers to the West Coast, It is ordered [that] three chests be laden on the London friggat and the rest on shipp Amity to divide [the risgoe],

Ordered that Ten Ton of Saltpetre & [seven] Ton of redwood be laden on board ship Amity being her charterparty proportion, [and that] one hundred and fourteen Fort St : David Bales bee unladen from the London friggat.

The Govr and Councill of Yorke fort having returned Lieutenant Alexander Delgardner under an accusation of killing one of the Rt : Honble : Comps : slaves. The [information] on which 'tis grounded not appearing [cleare] and Lieutenant Del-Gardener denyeing [the matter] of fact. The Judge is desired to examine [Mr :] Willimot, or any others belonging to Ship Madapollam upon what they Know or [heard] concerning this matter dureing their stay at Bencoolen, and to take their examinations upon oath in writeing.

Mr : John Foquet Rentall generall paid into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 208 : 14 : fanams on accot : Quit rents.

Capt : Thomas Newnam Commander of Shipp Armenian Merchant deliverd his answer in writeing to our Paper sent him the primo Instant as entred after this Consultation.

The last contracts made wth : the merchants for ffive and Ten thousand Pags : deliverable in february last, thô not finished yet, the Merchts : having brought in cloth to the amount, and it being necessary to keep them and the Country weavrs : employed, It was propounded to them to contract for one hundred thousand Pags : deliverable in August and December. But they pretending continuance of troubles in the countrey, scarcity of rice, and fear of a famine, after severall days consideration did agree to Invest twelve thousand Pags : deliverable in four months to be pd : one part in Europe goods and three parts in money with ten ℔cent advance on the prize of ye : Contract, after further consultation amongst themselves they agreed to provide fifteen thousand Pags : in five months and to receive one third Europe goods and two thirds money, and the President not being able to perswade them [to take] off more Europe goods, nor to contract for more callicoes, ordered them [to attend ye :] councill with their result.

And the merchants now declaring the same in consultation, It was propounded to theire further consideration that they [should] provide twenty thousand Pags : [in callicoes] in five months at the prizes of the [last contract] (without the ten ℔ Cent then advance[d]) to receive halfe money and halfe [Europe goods] abateing ten ℔ cent of our present [selling prize].

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The Merchants after a Consultation held among themselves, brought [us y^e^: result] that they could not contract [for more then] fifteen thousand on the tearmes [before by them] offered concerning which it is at [present only] noted that the proportion of Europe goods they offer to take off, and the quantity [of callicoes] to provide are too little, whereupon [they] were ordered to consider further [of it and] to give us their answer on [Monday next].

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.
EDW: TREDCROFT.

Hon^ble^: &c^a^: S^rs^:

The shipp Armenian Merchant [being arrived] safely at Madrasse from Emoy [in China the primo] Instant, and the time of her [charterparty being] expired ever since the 20^th^: day of [January last] and the time of the year being [already too] farr spent, so as to save the passage [about y^e^: Cape] bona Esperanca, do hope your Hon^r^: [&c^a^: Councill] will make what expedition [you can according] to a paper deliver'd me the day of my arrivall here to loade the same shipp home for England so that we may be dispatch'd hence by [y^e^: 20^th^:] of April next ensueing, to w^ch^: time I shall wait hopeing your Hon^r^: &c^a^: will consider [it will be] then time to be proceeding home. This & everything elce relating to this affair, I leave [wholly] to your Hon^r^: &c^a^: Councill, and alltogether depend thereon for my good Loading. In this or anything elce that I can be serviseable to the Hon^ble^: Company either at home or abroad shall faithfully be performed by.

Hon^ble^: &c^a^:
Yoūr most humb^ble^: Servant.
THO: NEWNAM.

Fort S^t^: George,
4^th^: March 169⅘

Ship S^t^: Antonie [w^ch^: came lately from Maccao] came from S^t^: Thoma into this road. [. . .] Briggantine belonging to the [Moors] arrived in this road from Acheen.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 11. THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOVERNOUR
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL
M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pag^s^: five hundred be paid M^r^: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges garrison.

Our further resolution of the 13^th^: February last for sending the Amity to the West Coast direct[ly and] the London friggat to Vizagapatam and the West Coast, being further considered, It is now resolved that the London friggat do proceed directly to y^e^: West Coast with M^r^: Barwell &c^a^: being a convenient and sightly shipp, and y^e^: [Amity] being the better sailer to Vizagapatam, to take in as many bales as she can carry, and from thence to the West Coast from whence both, [or either of] those shipps may be sent laden home with Salt Petre, Bales and Pepper, according as they [can] get Pepper and the better to enable M^r^: [Barwell] to lade both shipps, or the biggest shipp [home] that one hundred and fourteen Fort S^t^. David Bales be continued aboard the London friggat.

Ordered that Cap^t^: Hatton Commander of Ship London Friggat be Joined in Commission [with] M^r^: Barwell &c^a^: dureing his stay on the [West coast] being

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in our opinion a person of good [judgement] and generall experience, and well [inclined to] y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: service, who will thereby [be] y^e^: better able to give a satisfactory acco^t^: [of affaires] to their Hon^rs^.

Order'd that the Eight chests of Treasure ordered for the West Coast be all laden on board y^e^: London friggat.

Ordered that the Paymaster provide [all necessaries for] M^r^: Barwells &c^a^: Voyage to the West Coast besides what mentioned in the List formerly [ordered,] and that one hundred Pag^s^: be paid M^r^: Barwell for provideing himselfe w^th^: clothes &c^a^: extraordinary furniture.

The Supra Cargoes of the Shipps lately arrived from China, report that at China they heard nothing concerning our people at Tonqueen. But at Mallacca the Dutch told them they had heard a report by Juncks, that the Government of Tonqueen had imprisoned [both] Dutch and English, and the English [shipp] was also detained and the Commander Dead, and they had heard from others that the English Ship came out from Tonqueen, but was lost on y^e^: [Barr,] But the Dutch had no news from Battavia concerning Tonqueen.

Upon which it was considered whether to send another ship this year to Tonqueen [and] resolved (upon the uncertainty of the report) [not] to send till we have an acco^t^: from M^r^: Watts &c^a^: of the state of affairs, till when we cannot [tell] what orders to give, or whether it be advisable to send or noe.

The warehousekeeper &c^a^: reporting [y^t^: haveing] finished the survey of the Broad Cloth [received] by shipp London friggat there are severall P^s^: dammaged Viz^t^.

Broad cloth ordinary	Pag^s^:	12 : 92 ;	[38].
Broad cloth fine	„	6 : 27 :	[⅛].
Cloth Rashes	„	45 ;	[. . .]
Aurora	„	10 : 26 :	[½].
Perpetuanoes fine	„	255 ;	[. . .]
Perpetuanoes ordinary	„	53 :	[. . .]

All which they report to be shipp Dam[maged] besides a considerable quantity adjudged to be otherwise dammaged, It is ordered that all the [said cloth dammaged] by the shipp be sold by Publick outcry at the seagate by the warehousekeep^r^: on Friday the 15^th^: Instant that the amount of the Dammage may be y^e^: better stated, and that further dammage may be prevented by lyeing longer in the godowne.

The Merchants not having brought in moorees fitt for paintings as they were ordered and promised and four corge of fine long cloth offering to sale of about 74 coveds long as fitt for the use at sixty one Pag^s^: ℔ corge, It is ordered that the warehousekeeper and sorters do view the same, and if they approve of it as cheap and good for that purpose, that it be taken and delivered to the Painters.

Ordered that Pag^s^: 73½ be paid for three Corge of Manilha long cloth and Pag^s^: 51 for two corge [of] sixty coved Long cloth, mentioned in y^e^: Consultation of the fifth of February.

M^r^: Edmund Mountague Prov^l^: Land Customer paid into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Companys Cash Pag^s^: 281: on acco^t^: Land Customes.

Ordered that the Palampores, Bettellas &c^a^: returned now by shipp Madapollam from the West Coast, being much dammaged [be sold] at outcry at the Same time with the London ffriggats dammaged Broad Cloth.

The warehousekeeper is ordered [to buy two] garse of salt and to put the same [in baggs] and lade it upon the London ffriggat [for y^e^:] West Coast.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Cap^t^: Mint[y] this morning delivered y^e^: following Paper to the President. 12.

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TO THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR:
PRESIDENT &CA: COUNCILL.

Whereas at a Court Martiall held on the 22d: February last, William Mosely second [mate] was sentenced to be degraded from his Office [and] John Huntley Cooper, and Matthew Porter Quarter Master to be lash'd aboard the three Europe shipps and all to be discharged from shipp Amity, [and to] be kept in the common Prison ashoare at ye: [shipps] charge till an oppertunity offer'd for sending them home, But at present having great occasion [for] a Cooper for the shipps [service and none here] procureable, I desire your Honr: &ca: will [be] pleased to dispence wth: that part of the sentence which discharges said Huntley from ship Amity, [and] permit him to proceed [on] the Voyage being much wanted by.

Fort St. George
12th March 169⅘.

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Your humble Servant
JAMES MINTY.

Whereupon the following order was made and signed by the President and Councill Vizt: Captaine Minty requesting that John Huntley Cooper of shipp Amity may be continued in the ships Service, and another Cooper not procureable, It is ordered that the said Huntley be discharged from his confinement and delivered to Capt: [Minty].

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARS: BARWELL.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

13. Mr: John Bridger formerly Second of Councill of this place [was] Buried this Evening. The [corps] being at[tended with] a ffoot Company which fired three [Vollies at] the funerall, after which [fourteen gunns] from the Fort he died in the 71 yeare of his age, haveing lived 27 yeares [in Madrasse].

14. ✓ Rama Kisna one of our Cheif Merchants who trades much in Paddy from Tompatterree, hath from thence been advised by his correspondent that about the middle of February a Danes shipp wth: two sloops sailed from Tringombar, and at the same time a Dane or two with forty or fiftey Peons &ca: went overland to that part of the coast of India which lies between Cape Comorine and Brinjoan [near an]Antashena an Eminent Pagoda, and that the shipps and men are gone thither for the [pro]curing of Pepper, upon a contract made by severall Juliars, but whether they designe a sett[lement] or only a Lading for the shipps, is not yet known. The same advice informes that one of ye: [said] sloops mett wth four great shipps beyond [Cape] Comorine standing to the Northward, lesse [then] twenty days agoe.

THURSDAY 14. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT & GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Addition [to ye] instructions to Narraine as entred after this Consultation [and a] generall letter to Mr: Phillipp Noden ordering him and his family to repaire hither, both of this date, read and approved.

Mr: Charles Barwell pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 1864 on accot: sea Customes.

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Ordered that Pag^{s} : 83 : 18 fanams be paid to the steward of the Hospitall, being so much expended for seaven months last past for sick souldiers &c^{a} : whereof Ten Pag^{s} : must be repaid by the church wardens.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

ADDITION TO Y^{E} : INSTRUCTIONS TO NARRAINE.

'If you can make an agreement wth : the Northern Merchants according to what is before directed, you may signe a contract wth : them, and we will see it performed. But if they will not agree, and upon further treaty wth : them you find cause to make any other agreement on behalfe of the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : you may signe it so as to refer it to our approbation.

There is rent claimed by severall persons at Metchlepatam [for severall] parcells of ground added to the factory formerly at an annuall rent Viz^{t}.

Mahomod Hossen	Pag^{s} :	15	
Burromea	„	12	℔ ann
Mustapha	„	8	

The first was paid off by M^{r} : Brough and M^{r} : Noden to December 1692 at halfe rent and he now demands the rest. The other refused to take halfe, and in right there ought to be nothing paid any of them, but let them [take] the ground wth : the Buildings upon it [according] to their first agreement, and so clear [the account,] But if they give you any further trouble about [it] make up the acco^{t} : with them as well as [you] can to this time, and let them take [y^{e} : ground] and deliver you their contract wth : the [cheif] canc'eld, M^{r} : Brough paid off all the rent due to Bobba for the ground at Pettipolle for Pag^{s} : 90 : so that he can claime [nothing].

Herewith we deliver you a list and tardle of Metchlepatam and Pettipollee [Musters with an acco^{t} : of their Prizes, [length and] breadth and the quantities of each, according [to which] you may contract wth : them [proportionably].

If you can, perswade and Invite [some of the best artists in fine painting to come] and settle here wth : their families, we wish you good successe and date these in Fort S^{t} : George this fourteenth day of March 169⅘.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDW^{D} : TREDCROFT.

Acco^{t} : of Musters delivered to Narrain Viz^{t}.

		Length	Breadth.	Pag^{s}.	
3000 Salampores fine	1	ps. cov. 32. cov.	2⅛ at	27	
5000 Percalloes No.	1	1 p^{s} : co^{v} : 15 Y^{d}.	1 1/16	15	
Ditto.	2	... ...	... ...	12½	
Ditto.	3	... ...	... ...	10¼	
2000 Ditto Booke ...		 12	2 :	16	
5000 Izzarees	1	Y^{d}. 8de. ...	1 1/32	26¼	
Ditto.	2	... ...	... ...	21¼	
5000 Bettel^{s} Oringall	1	Y^{d}. 12¼^{do}.	1 1/16	25½	℔ Corge.
Ditto.	2	... ...	... ...	21½	
Ditto.	3	... ...	... ...	19½	
Pieces 6000 Allejahs	1	Y^{d}. 15½^{do}.	1	19½	
Ditto.	2	... ...	... ...	17½	
6000 Cotten Romalls	1	Y^{d}. 12 ^{do}.	¾	25	
Ditto.	2	... ...	... ...	23½	
2000 Saile Cloth		Y^{d}. 10do.	1	13½	
10000 Dungarees		Y^{d}. 12 ^{o}.	1	7	

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5000 Saserguntes	1	Yd.	15¼ Cov. Yd.	1	25		
Ditto.	2	...	... ...	...	...	23½	
5000 Saderuncheras	1	Yd.	15½do.	1	19½	℔ Corge.	
Ditto.	2	...	... ...	...	...	17½	
6000 Calowas poose	1	Yd.	15½	1	25		
Ditto.	2	...	... ...	...	...	23½	
6000 Dimities	1	Yd.	15½do.	1½	25	℔ piece.	
2000 Goaconchewlas		Yd.	15¼	1	25		
2000 Diaper No.	1	do.	9	7½	70		
20000 Chints	7	do.	8	1 1/16	32½	℔ Corge.	
5000 Gunapore Bettells	2	do.	16	1	42½		
1000 Long cloth fine	1	cov:	74do.	...	76½		
60000 Ditto Ordinary	1	do.	72do.	...	27		

14. Instructions for treating with the Northern [merchants] were delivered to Narrain wth: Lists of Northern Musters sent wth: him, allso a letter to Mr: Philips Noden Narrain being Tashereif'd wth: five yards of Crimson tooke his leave of the President and Councill, and tooke his passage on a Boat.

15. Letter from the Spey Braminy at the Camp [advises] that Wottamunchund do's delay answer to the last letter. That the king has ordered [Surfaras] Caun to come to him, and that Trocohage [Caun] cheif Gunner of the camp is goeing wth: [him] being dissatisfied that Zulphaker Caun [will not] Pay the army to whome Eighteen months wages is due.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 16. THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Generall Letter to Fort St: David in answer to theirs of the 12th: Instant concerning an Investment of fortey thousand Pags: to be made there, was read and approved.

Allso the Generall Letter to Yorke Fort of this days date to Paragraph the 49 was read & approved.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.

ED: TREDCROFT.

17. Ship Coda Bux arrived from Fort St: David, by said ship, recd: a Generall Letter dated the 14th: Instant wth Invoice and Bill of Lading for thirty three Bales sent upon her.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 18. THE HONBLE NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR:
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Langley acquainting us that the advices from China concerning the Marketts of Pepper inclines him to offer us his Pepper about 70 Candy at the rates which we first offer'd him Vizt: 31½ oz. of standard silver ℔ Candy, It is agreed that the same be accepted, and the warehousekeeper is ordered to receive the said

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pepper merchantable, and to [deliver] to him so many ounces of Silver as according to Invoice amounts to the quantity of pepper.

Mr: Langley was advised that the Rt: Honble: Compa: had in their generall Letter dated the 3d January 1693-4 by ship London ffriggat, ordered us to returne them certificates of the quantity and quality of all goods received, by every shipp of English growth [&] manufacture, and that his being fallen in here, t'was convenient that he sent them such a certificate by the next shipp.

Mr: William Fraser read his warehouse accots: for the month of January last.

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accot: passes for the month of February, and paid into the Rt: Honble: Compa: cash Pags: 13: on that accot.

The warehousekeeper &ca: reporting [that] the four corge of Long cloth mentioned in ye Consultation of the 11th: Instant is fitt for [painting] and fine shirts, ordered that Pags: 244 [be paid] for the same.

Ordered that the warehousekeepr: [do] cause thirty three Bales of Fort St: David goods to be unladen from shipp Coda Bux.

The President read his accos of the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash for the month of February last the balance being Pags: 2248: 35: 4.

Mr: Thomas Wright read his Paymasters accots: for the month of January particulars vizt.

Charges Garrison	Pags	860:	11
Charges Generall	„	403:	30
Charges Merchandize	„	45:	20
Charges Cattle	„	34:	5
Charges Diett	„	596:	28
Fortifications and repairs	„	47:	23
Comtebide & Company Brickmakers	„	400:	—
Rutterra	„	10:	5
Yegmore &cs: New Towns	„	:	18
	Pags:	2398:	32

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to Fort St: David dated the 16th: Instant and this day. 18

Received a generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 16th: Instant. 20.

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Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR: — THURSDAY 21.
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: CHARLES BARWELL
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The French Padre having acquainted ye: President yesterday wth: a letter he received from a Frenchman from Tringombar, that a sloop of the Danes arrived there ten days agoe, which fifteen days before, [mett] wth: ffrench shipps on the Coast of India, near the Cape Comorin, which having examined the Compa and Passe, dismissed her courteously, there being peace between the nations. But the Portuguez acquainted Mr: Alvarez from St: Thoma that said Danes Sloop had mett wth: four French shipps and that they were bound for this coast and Bengall. Thô the report comes from ffrench and Portuguez who use to give out false stories. Yet having before heard that four or six shipps were designd: from France for India and Govr: Pitt at Negapatam acquainted Mr: Trenchfeild &ca: [as they] told here in their passage from China, that his [intelligence] from Europe advised

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him of one French shipp come out of Europe in May last, there [doth] appear reason for providing against the worst.

But for more certaine intelligence. It is in the first place resolved to send Letters forthwith to the Gov^{rs}: of Tringombar and Negapatam to know the truth.

Orderd that the Gunner gett all the gunns in y^{e} garrison in readinesse, and to take care y^{t}: all the carriages be good and firme, and all necessaries ready on each Point and Battery.

Orderd that the Paymaster do cause a platform of Iron stone to be forthwith lay'd before y^{e}: sea gate for the gunns that lye there.

The Lievtenants of the Garrison and Gentleman of the arm's ordered to take care that all the small arm's be well fitted and in readinesse.

Ordered that all the Englishmen in Town, not in the service be mustered on Easter Monday & placed in the gun room crew during this occasion.

That all the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Servants and Europe Inhabitants be muster'd to forme y^{e} train'd Band and that Commissions be forthwith given to the following persons. [*Lacuna in I. O. copy.*]

Letters to the Gov^{rs}: of Negapatam & Tringombar read and ordered to be Translated into Portuguez.

The Commanders of Shipps London friggat, Armenian Merchant, Dorothy, and Amity being sent for were acquainted with the [reports] about the French shipps, and advised to bring theire Shipps nearer In, that they may lye within the Defence of the Fort guns, but they alledg'd as the winds now hang and blow hard they could not bring their shipps In, nor would it be safe being near the monsoon, but promised to take effect[ive] order for putting their shipps in a posture of Defence.

They were allso desired to communicate what occur'd to their observation relating to the better Defence of the place.

The Shipp Amity having been detained severall days by the sicknesse of the Commander, and the shipp London friggat partly for want of fit Factors and writers, two of those designed possitively refuseing and one Dead, and M^{r}: Barwell for [10 or] twelve days being troubled with a flux. The [necessity of their Dispatch is considered, and Cap^{t} Minty being pretty well recovered, It is ordered that his Dispatch be delivered him on Saturday and [that] the London friggat be dispatch'd on Wednesday[or]Thursday next wth: such factors and writers as shall be then ready if M^{r}: Barwell be then recovered.

There having been no present sent to Zulphaker Cawn since March 169⅔ and that in returne of one received from him, and esteeming it necessary as well for the preservation of his freindship which has allwais appear'd in all applications made to him, as for the prevention of troubles which may otherwise ensue upon our neglect, and the frequent informations given him by Moors of the great increase of the revenues of this place. It is resolved that a present be sent him to the Amount of Pag^{s}: 3000 or 4000 in things proper, and there being severall rarities come from China which are now offer'd to the Councill as very proper for that purpose. It is ordered that the warehousekeeper & M^{r}: Styleman view and report the same with their prizes rejecting what is not proper or necessary.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper provide the following particulars for presents for the West Coast to be Laden on the London friggat.

Broad cloth Ordinary red	Bales 1
Gobars	Corge 3
Morees	Corge 5
Carpets small Persia	3
Kittisolls of China silke	4
Slippers wrought silke and gold	Pair 10
Slippers Ordinary „	„ 10
Romalls Bengall	Pieces 6

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The Generall Letter rec^{d}: Yesterday from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 16th: Instant relating to the overland Trade of Pepper read wth: answer thereunto of this date.

M^{r}: W^{m}: Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: goods sold.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do pay one thousand Dollers to Cap^{t}: Hatton, (being the charterparty proportion of Shipp London friggat) according to his request as entred after this Consultation.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: five hundred be paid M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell read his acco^{t}: of sea Customes for the month of ffebruary and paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 211 : 3 : 1 as the Balance thereof being Pag^{s}: 265 : 18 : 5 : remaining to be received, which is to be accounted for by M^{r}: Tredcroft.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: thirty be advanc'd to each of the ffactors and writers who proceed to the West Coast and that their salary be paid them to the 25th: Instant.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}; HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}:
PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

I desire your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to furnish me wth: one thousand Dollers, which are specified [in] Shipp London ffriggats Charterparty for furnishing said shipp wth: victualls &c^{a}: necessaries.

Fort S^{t} George
21st: March 169⅘.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble Servant
MATTH^{S}: HATTON.

Thomas Plumbe Master of Shipp Jelpha Merchant from Pegue arriveing this day reports that the shipp of Antonia de Silva which went from hence in September last bound for Sirian, and fetch'd Point Brago where finding the north Easterly winds sett in put back for Negrais to stay there till the winds changed, and anchored between the Island and the main about the 17th: of October. The next day the monsoon came on, and the wind blew wth: that extremity for Severall days as drove the shipp ashoare & oversett her at the same time the flood comeing in, increased to that height as covered the Shipp and forced the [men] to leave her, those that swam well escaped to the shore when the water encreaseing upon, and by degrees covering the Island, they betooke themselves to the trees dureing the Tide, which was so violent that the shipps rudder and the Capston were afterwards found on the Tops of the Bamboes, and few of the men lived to Pegue, above a dozen Pegue Merchants who had freighted goods to a considerable value were all lost.

Shipp Francis John Mabb arrived in this road from Acheen and Fort S^{T}: David, and brought a Generall Letter from the Deputy Gov^{r}: &c^{a}: of Fort S^{t}: David, dated the 20th: Instant. 23.

Shipp Tetterram Gullamulla Nocquedah belong[ing] to severall Moormen in Bengall from whence she was bound wth: about 12000 maund of rice for the Moldeva's, but looseing her passage came hither.

Shipp Francisco belonging to the Danes arrived in this road from Mallacca.

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SATURDAY 23. ATT A CONSULTATION EXTROARDRY:

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR EDWARD TREDCROFT.
MR: WRIGHT and MR: BARWELL: at YE: MOUNT.

The Arrac farmers paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 166: 24: fan: on that acct.

Vincatteputtee the Beetle farmer declaring himselfe willing to quitt that and the Tobacco farme, which latter is expired this day. It is ordered that Cowles be given to Wallachia Chittee to commence from the 25th Inst.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.

ED: TREDCROFT.

24. Shipp Eagle John Cockcroft master arrived from Bengall.

MONDAY 25. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT.
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Thomas Wright produces a list of Shipp Amitys Company being in all twenty five men and Boyes.

Capt: James Minty being recovered was sent for and had his Dispatch for Vizagapatam deliver'd him wth: the Generall Letter directed to the Cheif and Councill.

The Nocquedah of the Moors shipp who arrived on Saturday, complaining that within two hours after his arrivall some Moormen and Chitt[ees] had in a fraudulent manner, (being unacquainted wth the Customs of the place) imposed upon him, so that they had bargained with him for Eighty garse of rice at the rate of 25 Pags: a garse, pretending yt they came to him in the Governour's name, and makeing use of his own servants as Instrument to cheat him, all the persons concern'd being sent for and examined, it appear'd to be a fraudulent contract and declared void, wherein all the parties concerned after much Argument did acquies, and declared themselves satisfied by delivering a ring received as earnest of the Bargain, and the Supra Cargo of the Shipp is left free to sell his rice which is about one hundred and twenty garse, at ye: markett price.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

26. Shipp Amity Capt: James Minty Commandr: sailed for Vizagapatam.

Shipp Dilligence William Rogers Master arrived from Goa and Anjenja and brought a Generall Letter from Mr: Braborne &ca: dated the 15th Instant wth: Copy of their Generall Letter to His Excellency the Generall of India dated the 6th: Instant, allso a Copy of their Generall Letter to the Commander-in-Cheif of the Danes Vessells rideing in the road of Rhetorah dated the 13th: Instant.

Briggantine Davalulla sailed for Bengall.

72 Shipp Dorothy Capt: Henry Trenwith Commander sailed for China.

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[5TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 27TH.

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Thomas Wright & Mr: Charles Barwell at ye: Mount. Mr: Empson and Mr: Hinchman having deliver'd an acct: of Sea Customs received by Mr: William Proby in the months of June, July, August and September, wherein the balance due from Mr: Proby is made Pags: 624: 13: 23. It is ordered that a copy of said acco: be delivd: to Mr: Proby, and that he give his answer thereunto on Thursday the 4th: of April.

Ordered that Mr: Styleman do draw out the acco: of salary due to the Rt. Honble: Comps: servants from ye: 29th: September 1694 to the 25th: March 1695.

Mr: Barkham Deane Mr: William Morrice & Mr: Gulston Addison having been chosen & appointed as fitt persons to be of Councill at York Fort and aftr: many weekes endeavour to perswade them to accept thereof, and they having at last possitively refused, and not finding among the Rt: Honble: Comps: Servants that are fitt for it enough that can be spared, or would be willing to go after their refuseall, and apprehending it necessary to send some to reside there who are fitt to be of councill, and Mr: Richard Darley, and Mr: Thomas Heath who came out of England as free merchants with the Rt: Honble: Comps: permission, and are both well experienced in India having accepted the Rt: Honble: Comps: Service there, it is resolved that they be entertained and employed therein, they giveing their own Bonds for ye: present for their fidelity, and to give further security in England to the Rt: Honble: Comps: satisfaction, in case they shall thinke fitt to continue them in theire service.

A Commission appointing Charles Barwell Esqr: Deputy Governr: of Yorke Fort and Suprav[isor] of the Rt: Honble: Comps: affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra, and the Councill dated this day and ordered to be ingrossed. Allso an order to Capt: Hatton Commander of Shipp London ffriggat of this: Date, as entred after this Consultation.

Ordered that Mr: Vicessimus Griffith and Mr: Edmund Bugden do on ffryday next go to ffort St: David overland, the former to be of Councill there according to his standing, and that orders be sent to ffort St: David for Mr: Troughton and Capt: Lesley to repair hither, there having been a quarrell between them remaining undecided.

Ordered that Pags: Eight hundred be paid to Kittee Timapa, and Pags: two hundred to Mr: John Mabb being for two bills drawn on us by the Deputy Govr: &ca: of Fort St: David dated the 20th: Instant, as advised in their Generall Letter of Ditto date.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
ED: TREDCROFT.

To Capt Mathias Hatton Commandr of Ship London ffriggatt.

The Shipps belonging to the fleet which came out whereof you came Commidore, being all sailed from hence, and there being no occasion to weare a broad Pennant in this road at present, wee order you not to weare a broad Pennant Dated in Fort St: George this 27th: day of March 1695.

NATH: HIGGINSON. THOMAS WRIGHT. 28.
WILLIAM FRASER. CHARLES BARWELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN. EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Delivered a Passe to Boat Bawdeumbo bound to Devepatam.

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[FRIDAY] ATT A CONSULTATION

29. *Present*

THE HONBLE NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Govenda Pilla [paid into the] Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash] Pags: 303: 25: 25: on accot of the Peddenaigues dustoor.

Mr: Matthew Mildmay having demanded 186: ⅜ out of the Estate of John Kiddell deceas'd paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash at Yorke ffort, being for goods consigned by him to said Kiddell anno 1690 whereof he [haveing] made satisfactory proofe, It is ordered that the warehousekeeper do pay him the said sume takeing his receipt for the same.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customr: paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 500 on accot: Sea Custome, and Mr William Fraser warehouskeeper: Pags: 500 on accot: goods sold.

Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this dayes date read approved and signed.

The President pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 3,000 in part of the freight of shipp Armenian Merchant.

Ordered that Pags: four thousand be sent to ffort St: David by Peons in company [of Mr: Vi] cessimus Griffith and Bugden.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

30. This morning Mr: Vicessimus Griffith & Mr: Edmd: Bugden [set out for] Fort St. David in charge of whom sent 4,000 Pags: by Peons Shipp: Greyhound Owen Channell master arrived from ffort St: David and Bengall, and brought a Generall Letter from the Deputy Govr; and Councill of ffort St: David dated the 28th: Instant. The Master advices that the Successe sailed for England ye: 15th: February last, and that at the time when he came over the braces, the Martha was ready to saile [through] the Deeps.

31 Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 29th Instant by a Cattemaran.

MONDAY APRIL ♆ mo ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that ffrancisco Gorena a Florentine be entertained of the Gun room crew.

Discoursed concerning the businesse of the West Coast, Mr: Barwell being well, and ye: persons to go with him being appointed & in readinesse, It is resolved that the London ffriggat be dispatched on Wednesday next, on which day in ye: morning Twenty Europeans and Twenty Topasses be drawn out of this garrison for the West Coast, and sent aboard, and that two or three months pay be advanc'd to them.

Doctor Blackwall having Petitioned to bee admitted an Attorney in the Mayors Court, considering his incapacity to maintaine his [family] It is resolved

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that he be permitted to practice as an Attorney in said Court, so long as he shall behave himselfe well, whereof y^e^: Mayor is desired to take particular notice.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

I have in the foul Consultation excepted against M^r^: Blackwalls being admitted an Attorney in any Court in this place. W. F.

WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Received a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the first of March last. 2.

M^r^: Edward Harrison and M^r^: Peter Hambley Purser and Chirurgeon of Shipp London ffriggat having upon some words challeng'd one another in Towne, went this evening to a garden & [fought] upon notice whereof the Governour ordered them both to be secured by the Marshall. 3.

The President having notice that the merchants had brought in four or five hundred pieces of good ordinary Long cloth upon private contracts, and the warehousekeeper not being satisfied that they had brought in the [full] quantity contracted for w^th^: the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: It was ordered to be kept in the Merchants Godowne till that acco^t^: was cleared.

Received Letters from Kittee Narraine and y^e^: Pettipollee Merchants, wherein the Merch^ts^ doe agree to contract for forty thousand Pag^s^: to receive twenty thousand in Europe goods and twenty thousand in money on condition to settle a factory. 3.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^ NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^: THURSDAY
M^R^ WILLLAM FRASER M^R^ JOHN STYLEMAN, 4.
M^R^ THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^ EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^r^. Charles Barwell pays into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: twenty six being for permission of passage of Mary Luckings for England, and M^r^: Richard Blackwall Pag^s^: five for leave to practice as an Attorney in the Mayors Court.

Ordered that Pag^s^: five hundred be paid to M^r^ Thomas Wright Paym^r^: for defraying charges Garrison.

Ordered that Pag^s^ 65: 13: 1: be paid to M^r^. Matt: Empson for 2^ca^: 18^md^: 3^lb^: West Coast Pepper brought on Shipp Madapollam, belonging to Robert Turlington Deceas'd.

Edward Harrison Purser of Shipp London ffriggat having yesterday in a quarrell drawn a sword upon Peter Hambly Surgeon of said Shipp in a publick House w^th^: in the walls, and afterwards Challeng'd the said Hambly, upon which they went & fought a [duell] in the ffrench Padres Garden, wherein the Said Hambly was wounded slightly in the hand, which they [both] now confesse, It is ordered that for the s^d^ misdemenour they pay five Pag^s^: each, and continue in y^e^ Custody of the Marshall till the same is paid, and till [they] be sent off aboard shipp, or find security for their good behaviour, and not to wear a sword ashore. The shipp being ready to saile, there is no time for takeing notice of the offence in y^e^ [same] formal manner as hath been done in the like cases. 2. 3.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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FRYDAY 5. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOVERN^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

James Coventry pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{a}: 202 : 18 : being for halfe a years farme of the wine Licence due the 31st December 1694.

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: dated 3^{d}: Inst. To the Deputy Governour and Councill of York Fort dated the 16th: past, allso a Commission & Instructions to M^{r}: Charles Barwell both of yesterdays date, and Cap^{t}: Hattons Dispatch of this date all finished, perused, approved and sign'd.

The warehousekeeper delivers in a paper of the amount of the London ffriggats dammaged [cloth] and Perpetuanoes fine and ordinary [sold at pub-] licke outcry and the valuation of 241 pieces of Perpetuanoes fine which are much [stained] and remaine unsold till a better oppertunity.

He declares that they are the same quantity and sorts that were adjudged to be Ships [damage] by M^{r}: Styleman M^{r}: Wright and M^{r}: Tredcroft, who were the persons appointed jointly wth: him to view, examine and report the said dammage, and that the amount of the same as now delivered in [is] grounded upon their opinions as being y^{e} majority and he not concurring with them in all points of the Shipps dammage, especially in many of the Broad Clothes and cloth Rashes, being desired to give his reasons delivered a paper as entred after this Consultation w^{ch}: is ordered to be sent home with his report of the Dammage.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Having been a considerable time in the office off godownkeeper, by which I had the oppertunity of receiving and viewing severall of the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cargo's from England consigned to this place, but remember not that I ever saw any shipps dammage of cloth in the same nature and manner as severall of the London ffriggats Broad Cloth and cloth rashes are especially the Greens and some redds, where abundance of round white spots did appear thorough sev^{ll}: of the folds, and the white spotts at some [distance.] of a hands breadth more or lesse one from the other between which the cloth did appear clean and fresh in its coulor and firme and sound in substance but upon springing my thumb and finger upon the white Spots, there did allwais fly up from them fine white dust in great quantity, and then what before appeared spots became holes, which I conceive cannot be the effect of salt water, because cloth damaged by salt water retains a damp and Moistnesse in it, which never can be so dry as to fly up into such fine white dust or flow[er]. It is true that the outside Package of severall of the Bales was much rotten and torne, but I likewise say that I saw severall pieces of some bales that had their buckrums or tillets sound and fresh, and yet the pieces within, in severall of their folds had these round white spotts, which I thinke might be occasioned by their being ill cured or dryed if in the winter and too sudden packing, but thinke that their damage as so, might be much increased by the heat of the Ships [hold] through want of air, which probably might occasion the cloth to have sweated, by which I believe the difference of my opinion from the rest joined with me, may be about one hundred and seaventy Pag^{a}: in the whole upon all these severall Broad cloth and cloth rashes together, lesse then the [total] of them delivered in.

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The Perpetuanoes fine are of a high bright but tender colour, very apt to stain w^th^: the brown Paper that lyes betwen the folds, there is of them 255 pieces only largely stained, but because [they] are firm and sound as to their substance w^ch^: suppose them to have been well cured and dryed their being so stained might proceed from theire lyeing close in a hot hold, and the effects probably of a new shipp, this is my private opinion and desire it may not be used to my prejudice.

April the 5^th^ 1695. WILLIAM FRASER.

Rec^d^: a Generall Letter from Fort S^t^: David dated the 3^d^: Instant. 6.

Deliver'd Cap^t^: Hatton Commander of ship London ffriggat, his dispatch for York Fort.

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY EVENING 6.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOVERN^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL
M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Cap^t^: Hatton being acquainted w^th^: the report made of the goods damaged by his Shipp, offers to take [the] same to the owners acco^t^: and allow the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Company 50 ℔ cent on the prime cost and charges To which we answer that the greatest part [there]of is sold, and therefore can't be delivered, and that the charterparty doth make such a provision for goods returned from India to England, but it doth not expressly relate to goods brought out.

Hee further alledges that some part of y^e^ goods which are reckoned ship damage are rat eaten, which the godown keeper do's acknowledge and refers to the particular day acco^t^ of the surveigh, whereof the Cap^t^: has a copy.

Hee further alledges that among some off the damaged bales of cloth and Perpetuanoes wherein were halfe redds and halfe greens, the Greens were damaged and the redds not, & therefore thinks the damage did proceed from the cloth itselfe. The godownkeeper &c^a^ surveighers own it to be so, but do alledge that the out side package of those bales, were in their opinions damaged by shipp damage.

The Captaine being ask'd whether he has anything further to object, answers no.

A provisionall Commission for appointing a Governour &c^a^: at Yorke Fort in case of the mortality of Charles Barwell read and signed, and ordered to be sealed up in a paper apart, and directed to[be] opened by M^r^: Charles Frith and M^r^. John Butterfield in Consultation, and that the copy thereof be not entred in this Consultation Booke till the [close] thereof, being requisite to be kept private.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 8.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^r^: William Fraser warehousekeep^r^: pays into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: 1000 on acco^t^: of goods sold.

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Orders to Mr: Charles Barwell concerning [weareing] the union fflagg of this date read & signed, (as entred after this Consultation), and his Commission and the Paquet delivered to him.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

To CHARLES BARWELL ESQR: DEPTY: GOVR: OF YORKE FORT AND SUPRAVISR: OF YE: WEST COAST OF SUMATRA.

Having by our Commission dated the 4th: Instant appointed you Govr: of Yorke. Fort and Supravisor of all the Rt: Honble: Comps: affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra in persuance of which you are now to take your passage on shipp London ffriggat Capt: Matthias Hatton Commander and may hereafter have occasion to go upon another shipp from Port to Port on the West Coast and in your returne. Wee thinke it highly necessary and requisite that you appear with due Ensignes of Authority. We therefore order you to carry the union fflagg on the main Top Mast head of such shipps as you shall Embarke on dureing this Voyage, and you may accordingly give orders to the respective Commanders as occasion requires, Dated in Fort St. George this Eight[h] day of April 1695.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

TUESDAY 9. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that two hundred baggs of saltpetre be borrowed of the President for the Armenian Merchant to be repaid in saltpetre, or in cash at the present price curt: as the Councill shall judge wth in a month.

Delivered to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty four papers sent by the Agent and Councill of Bengall wth: their Generall Letter dated the 14th: December Vizt: Mary Charnock and John Beard their bond for due administration of their trust. Accot: outcry of Agent Charnocks Estate. Balance of his [bookes] as he left them and Balance of his Bookes as made up by John Beard Entred in the List of the Pacquet Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Letters to Kittee Narraine & the Pettipollee Merchants of yesterdays date read and approved.

Generall Letter to Bengall dated ye: 5th: March wth: an addition of this days date read and approved.

Generall Letter to Fort St. David of this dayes date read and approved.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

9. The Peons sent two months since wth: Broad cloth &cs to Cossim Cawn Nabob of Seepaw in returne of his horse, came backe accompanyed wth: a Maulder, which brought a cloth of Gold and the Nabobs Letter to ye President, promiseing a

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trade Custome free in his countrey, and desireing a few rarities to be provided, for which he sent money, thô not halfe enough.

Suffuras Cawn a Commander of five thousand Horse in the Nabobs Army, upon a quarrell [with] the Nabob left the Army giveing out he was goeing to the Kings Camp, and when he was come as far as Conjeverone the Nabob sent Gusfar Cawne with a possitive order to see him out of the Nabobs Territories, and to take care that he did not plunder the Pullamullee Countrey, Gusfar Cawne after he had seen him passe beyond Tryvelore, came yesterday to Pullamulle attended only w^th^: two (or) three hundred horse, and this day sent a letter by a Gusburdar to the President intimateing that the Nabob had given him Sufferas Cawns Jaggeer and the Government of this part of the Countrey and that he had done the English businesse for many years and never had any consideration for it, and expected a good answer, and that hee intended to come to Millapore tomorrow to see the Sea. 10.

Gusfar Cawns son comeing to see the Town w^th^: twelve horse, the President ordered the [Mulla to] go and bid him welcome and carry him two [bottles] of rose water and two maunds of Persia fruit.

Cossim Singwara Commander of three thousand Horse in the Nabobs Army sent a servant with money and Ten horse to buy Eliphants. 10.

An Officer who had been dangerously wounded[in] Cossim Cawns Countrey in fighting w^th^: y^e^: Polligars comeing to Town sent his brother to the President desireing that a Doctor may cure his wounds. The President ordered the Peons to find them a conven[ient] place for their Lodgeing and sent Doctor Brown to cure his wounds. The Officer bearing his own charges.

Shipp George James Perriman master arrived from Bengall and brought a Generall Letter from the Agent &c^a^: dated the 8^th^: February &c^a^: papers.

Dispatch[t] a Generall Letter to Fort S^t^. David of this dayes date.

Lievtenant Leshlie arrived this Evening from ffort S^t^: David.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 11.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOVERN^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Generall Letter to M^r^: Braborne &c^a^: Councill at Rhetora of this dayes date, read and approved.

Ordered that John Chaise be entertained as a soldier in this Garrison at Portugueze Pay.

Ordered that Pag^s^: one thousand be paid to the President being so much borrowed of him on the twenty second January last payable on demand.

M^r^: Edward Tredcroft Sea Custom^r^: pays into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^. Cash Pag^s^: 1000, Pag^s^: 265: 18: 5 whereof is what remained Standing out when M^r^: Barwell quitted the Sea Custom^rs^: place ending the ult^o^: Feby. 1694-5.

Ordered that one thousand Pag^s^: be paid to M^r^: Thomas Wright Paymas^r^: for defraying Charges Garrison.

M^r^: Thomas Constable his Fort S^t^ David Storekeepers acc^ts^: were examind to the last Article.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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11. Shipp Madapollam William Willimot Master sailed for Bengall by said Shipp sent a Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill dated the 5th: March and 8th: Instant.

12. Shipp Mahomod belonging to the Moors arrived [from] Acheen.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Mr: Braborne at Rhetorah of yesterdays date by their return'd Peons.

Shipp Trivlecane belonging to Devamond arr[ived] from Pegue.

Mr: Troughton arrived from Fort St: David, and brought a Generall Letter from the Deputy Govr: &ca dated the 8th Instant, adviseing they had drawn a bill payable to Mr: Troughton at three days after sight for Pags: three hundred.

SATURDAY 13. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Gusfar Cawn having wrote a letter to the President on the 11th: Instant signifying that the Government of the Pullemullee countreys are given to him, and after he had by the Nabobs order turned Surfura Cawn out of the Cornatt countrey is come Yesterday to St: Thoma wth: only two or three hundred horses and his writer having sent advise that Gusfar Cawn will this day depart from St: Thoma towards Pollicatt and expects to be vissited, considering all circumstances, the employment he is in, and that he is one of Zulphaker Cawns favorites and is the Governr: of these parts of the countrey and allso those wherein our Peons used to be stop'd in their passage between ffort St: David and this place, & to prevent his being troublesome to our New Towns in his passage, and oblige him to take care of the conveying our intended present to the Nabob. It is resolved that the following things be sent him by the Mulla this afternoon Vizt:

Aurora	Piece	1
Broad cloth ordinry	„	1
Perpetuans fine	„	1
Sword Blades	„	3
Fine Rice Mercall	„	40 (or) 50.

Ordered that the salary payable in India to the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants for halfe a' year ending the 25th: March be paid according to a list now produced by Mr Styleman amount to Pags: 1038: 20: 5.

NATH HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

13. The Mulla being sent to Gusfar Cawn with ye: present ordered in consultation, returned this Evening and advises that he found Gusfar Cawn in the company of many Mogulls and Persians met to vissit him and all in a good humour telling Gusfar Cawn stories of the great service Madrasse had done the [king.] That Gusfar Cawn accepted the present wth: great satisfaction, and readily at the Mulla's request ordered his writers to issue orders to five watching places between Fort St: David and this place for the free passage of our people without molestation and ordered three horsemen to go to our three [new] Towns and take care that none of his people offer to molest or touch anything in either of them & [promised] to take care of our people and presents in goeing to the Nabob.

Mr: Henry Pullein a young gentleman who came out of England in the Defence but not agreeing wth: the Commander, left that ship at ye: Cape, and came

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hither in the Hawke, intending by the first oppertunity to returne for England but before the Princesse went home in Febʳʸ: last, he had so far run in debt for his maintenance and extravigance, that he could not satisfie his creditors, some of whome about a month agoe takeing warrants out of yᵉ: Court to arrest him, he to avoid their execution wᵗʰ: drew to Sᵗ: Thoma, and in short time fell into the acquaintance of Emaum Beague a Moore. The President having notice thereof, and [that he] was engageing himselfe into the Moors [service] in the camp, ordered severall persons to [watch] his goeing abroad, and being advised that [he was] come to a choultry neare the Bar, ordered [Capt] Seaton wᵗʰ: souldiers and peons to go round [about] and bring him in. Mʳ: Pullein was of his [own] accord comeing into the towne in the duske [of the] evening when Capᵗ: Seaton overtooke him, [and] brought him to the President, who finding by his examination that he had treated wᵗʰ: the [Moors] in order to enter into their service, and that some of the souldiers of our garrison had allso offered to go wᵗʰ: him, thô he pretends that he only gave it out to bring his creditors to reason. The President ordered the marshall to take him into Custody till the matter can be further examined in Councill on Monday.

Shipp Allepande belonging to the Danes sailed for Tringombarr. 13.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 15.

Present

THE HONᴮᴸᴱ: NATHᴸᴸ: HIGGINSON ESQᴿ: PRESIDᵀ: & GOVERNᴿ:
Mᴿ: WILLIAM FRASER Mᴿ: JOHN STYLEMAN
Mᴿ: THOMAS WRIGHT Mᴿ: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mʳ: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his accoᵗˢ: for the month of ffebruary particulars, Vizᵗ.

Charges Garrison	Pagˢ:	791:	12
Charges Generall	„	420:	3
Charges treaty wᵗʰ: the Northern Mercᵗˢ: ...	„	188:	32
Charges Diett	„	505:	17
Charges Merchandize	„	13:	3
Charges Cattle	„	27:	6
Vizagapatam factory	„	86:	24
Shipp Madapollam	„	499:	2
Fort Sᵗ: David	„	43:	21
Fortifications and repairs	„	195:	16
Yegmore &cᵃ: New Towns	„	— :	18
	Pagˢ:	2,771.	10

Mʳ: Edmund Mountague Provisionall Land Custom[er] pays into the Rᵗ: Houᵇˡᵉ: Compˢ: Cash Pagˢ: 229: and read his accoᵗˢ: for the months of January, February & March last particulars, Vizᵗ:

January.	Choultrey Custome	Pagˢ:	78:	23:	22
	Triblecane Custome	„	11:	7:	3
	Rubie Broakers	„	23:	29:	55
	Cloth Broakers	„	6:	32:	70
	New Town rents recᵈ: of Duapᵃ:	„	100:	...:	...
		Pagˢ:	209:	20:	70
February.	Choultrey Custome	Pagˢ:	57:	28:	65
	Rubie Broakers	„	21:	14:	54
	Cloth Broakers	„	2:	11:	38
	Fines	„	11:	18:	...
	New Town rents recᵈ: of Duapᵃ:	„	300:	...:	...
		Pagˢ:	382:	...:	...

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March.	Choultrey Custome	Pag^{s}:	85:	30:	35
	Rubie Broakers	,,	34:	29:	...
	Cloth Broakers	,,	10:	7:	10
	New Town rents rec^{d}: of Duap^{s}:	,,	100:	...:	...
		Pag^{s}:	230:	30:	45

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 2700 on acco^{t}: goods sold.

There being occasion for ten thousand Pag^{s}: to send to Fort S^{t}: David for the first payment to their Merchants on their late contract, It is ordered y^{t}: 4 or 5000 Pag^{s}: be borrowed at Interest at ten ℔ cent for two or three months.

The Shroffs having notwth:standing strict orders to the contrary, by degrees run into a practice of changeing silver fanams at thirty seaven for a Pagoda and more, which is an injury to y^{e}: sellers of graine and other markett people, which is cheifly to be attributed to the neglect or designe of the cheif shroff, for the more effectuall remedy of said abuse, It is ordered that two cheif shroffs' be appointed, one of the right hand, and one of the left hand cast, and they be obliged to find fitting persons to receive and pay the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: money at the warehouse, Sea gate & Choultrey, and for the Paymaster and that the changeing shroffs be allowed to receive fanams at the rate of thirty six fanams and one Eighth for a Pagoda and to sell them to all persons that demand [them] at the rate of thirty six for a Pagoda, and whatever shroffe shall refuse to receive fanams at the rate of thirty six and one Eighth ℔ Pagoda or shall demand more, upon proofe thereof before the Justices of the Choultrey, they shall forfeit one pagoda for every Pag^{s}: worth of fanams they shall refuse to receive at fan^{s}: 36⅓ or demand more in the exchange w^{ch}: forfeits the Justices of the choultrey shall cause to be received from the cheif shroffs, and pay one quarter, thereof to the Informer or complainer, and three quarters to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company.

The President doth acquaint the Councill that on Saturday night last he caused M^{r} Hen: Pullein to be committed to the custody of the Marshall in order to his further examination having been credibly informed, and finding [reason] by his own confession to believe that he had [been] treating wth: the Moors in S^{t}: Thoma in order to the entring himselfe into their Service at the [camp] and M^{r}: Pullein being sent for declared y^{e} occasion of his leaving the place to be his being in [debt] that he was often wth: Emaum Beague at S^{t}: Thoma and had discoursed concerning the Moors [service] but denies to have actually engaged therein [. . .] [or promised, after much discourse wherein he seemed rather to Justifie then excuse himself, as well in that as in other extravigances, wherein he lived verry scandalously both here and at St. Thoma (keepeing y^{e} company of a black whore), he was advised in the first place to accomodate his buisiness with his Creditors, that y^{e} necesity may be removed which he sayes forced him to goe to y^{e} Moores, and not haveing good assurance that he would not returne to the Moores if he were sett at liberty he was againe committed to y^{e} Custody of y^{e} Marshall.

The Freighters of the Armenian Merchant haveing delivered a paper dated y^{e} first Instant (tho omitted to be then entred) declareing that there is about 17 Tonns short of y^{e} Tonnage let for charterparty, for which they desire an allowance, It is ordered that a coppy of said paper, and y^{e} computation of Tonnage be delivered to Cap^{t} Thomas Newnam and that his answer be required thereunto, and alsoe to that part of our paper dated primo March, wherein he was required to give an acco^{t} of all y^{e} goods shipped aboard his shipp in Amoy in China.

Ordered that Pag^{s} 656 be paid the President for 26 pieces of China, silver clocke worke bought towards a present to the Nabob being produced, approved, and delivered to y^{e} Warehouskeeper, also Pag^{s} 60 for three Newries and one large green Parrot which speakes severall languages bought for the same purpose, and delivered into the custody of the steward.

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Thomas Bullfield son of Robert Bullfield Inhabitant is entered a souldier in this garrison for five yeares at Englishmens pay.

Capt Thomas Newnam Comander of shipp Armenian Merchant the last weeke haveing desired the Warehouskeeper to deferr sending Bales aboard his shipp, he came this morning to the President, and declared his reason to bee that his gunn decks were not caulked, till when 'twas not convenient to put bales aboard, nor did he intend to depart from this road till the latter end of May, the President thereupon observing to him that his paper of ye 4o of March did request to be laden by ye 20 Instant, and we had ordered goods enough to be sent aboard for his ladeing, and he must take them in unless he makes a further declaration in writeing, the Capt now sends us a paper (as entred after this Consultation) wherein he desires that the ladeing of [his] shipp may be deferred till the latter end of May, and gives such reasons for it as are approved. It is therefore ordered that the Warehouskeeper doe forbeare sending off any more] [goods till] further order. [The Dutch] papers received from Govr: Pitt being [translated] they appear to containe proof's of Mr: Gibbons his borrowing five hundred Dollers at [Padang] of the Dutch factory on the Rt: Honble: Compas: accot: which he hath obliged himselfe to pay, but not having paid it, Governour Pitt do's demd: payment of us. It is ordered that the translates be deliver'd to Mr: Gibbons to peruse, and that he give us his answer in writeing.

The Consultation aboard Shipp Armenian Merchant, and Judge Dolbens examination of Witnesses relating to Huxtable are delivered to the Judge, to whose consideration they and ye: entries in Fort St: George Consultations the 23d: and 26th; of April and 3d: of May 1694 are refer'd.

Ordered that two hundred Pags: be advanced to the washermen on accot: of cureing the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cloth.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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Honble Sr &ca

Upon [my ar]rival with shipp Armenian Merchant from Emoy in China [Isent] your Honr: &ca: Councill [a paper] desireing you would dispatch said Shipp for England by the 20th: Inst. But upon further consideration of the season of the year, and the danger in goeing [to Mauruties] unanswerable to the safety of lyeing in ys Port do believe it best to stay here so as to put for the Cape at once. Therefore desire you'l defer ladeing the Shipp till the latter end of May next [considering] the goods will be more safe ashoare then [aboard] Shipp. Not else but that I am

Honble: &ca: Srs.
Your most humble: Servant
THO: NEWNAM.

Shipp Greyhound sailed for Annore, to take in salt, and from thence proceed for Bengall. 16

Shipp Sampedo Cojee Saphire Nocqueda. 17

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 18.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Henry Pullein complaining of ye: inconveniencey of the place of his present confinement, It is ordered that [he be removed to] the roome in the ffort next to the guard, and have the liberty of the ffort wth: a centry to attend him night and day,

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but to keep his chamber from six in the evening till six in the morning; it plainly appearing that he has been treating with the Moors in order to enter into their service, and his great importunity for his releasement gives us the more reason to suspect his designe to make his escape, untill he can com[e] to a composition with his creditors, whose demands as he says were the only reason of his leaving y^e^ place.

M^r^: James Harris who came out a ffactor upon Shipp Royall James and Mary having been for the greatest part of his time since his arriveall here a scandalous debauch'd person in severall respects, and after all means used by advise and punishment there appearing no hopes of reformation, It is resolved that he be forthwith dismissed the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: service by virtue of the 15^th^: Paragraph of their Hon^rs^: Letter to the ffort dated the 10^th^: April 1693. Besides sev^ll^: former letters, and that his salary be paid to y^s^: day.

M^r^ Troughton and Lievtenant Leslie being sent for it was demanded of them what they had to say abo^t^: the difference they had at Fort S^t^: David which was the occasion of their comeing up, they both answered they had nothing to say one against another, but there having been some mention made in the Generall Letter from Fort S^t^: David [and by] other informations y^t^: there was a quarrel between them. The one being of Councill and the other Lievtenant of y^e^: Guard. It is thought convenient that the matter be further enquired into, and that M^r^: Styleman, M^r^: Wright and M^r^: Tredcroft do peruse the ffort S^t^: David Letter and examine the parties as they see cause, and report the same.

M^r^ William Fraser warehousekeep^r^: pays into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: 1000 on acco^t^: of goods sold.

Generall Letter to ffort S^t^: David dated the [16^th^] Instant read and approved.

Ordered that on Fryday the 26 ^th^: Instant about forty thousand ounces of Ingott silver be sold at outcry at the sea gate, to be put up at 16 Doller weight standard for ten Pag^s^: unlesse in the meantime any buyers will contract for the whole at 15½ Doller weight for ten Pag^s^: at which rate there will be a considerable profit, and this is the most convenient time for selling silver being in demand for China and Bengall, and that the following bill be set on the sea gate in English, Portugueze, Malabar, and Jentue Viz^t^.

On Friday the 26^th^ Instant will be exposed to sale by Publick outcry at the Sea gate at nine a clocke in the morning about 40000 oz^s^: of Ingott silver, and will be put up one Ingott in a lott, at the rate of sixteen Doller weight standard for ten Pag^s^: as rated by Invoice from England, unlesse in the meantime any buyer will contract w^th^: the President for the whole.

Ordered that M^r^: Trevor Games be und^r^: Searcher at the Sea Custome house.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

20. Sent a Generall Letter of this date to Vizagapatam by their returned
21. peons, who tooke their Passage upon a Countrey Boat bound for that place.

Received a Generall Letter from the President and Councill of Surrat dated the 8^th^ March, adviseing the dispatch of Shipps Defence and Resolution for Bombay full Laden their Cargoes amount to Rupees 604441: 16: pice besides 122 Tons of Pepper and that the Arrabs had been with five shipps at Cong, from which they landed 1200 men who plunderd the place of about sixty thousand Tomand and that they had taken two Shipps (one richly laden) bound for Surrat, and that they have realeased the little Caeser, who had been detained severall month's at Muskatt, said letter allso advises the arrivall of the Nassaw at

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Gombroon the 30th: December last, but have no news of the Mary. Allso copy of a clause of a letter from the Generall dated at Bombay the 25th: ffebruary last ordering the takeing all the Englishmen out of Shipps Elizabeth and ffuttell Moraud [belonging] to Messrs: Vaux and Boucher.

Received a Generall Letter from the Cheif &c: at Vizagapatam dated the 21 primo: Instant advis[ing that] the Sier Lasscar and Rajahs had made a peace, but still seemed very jealous of each other, and that twas probable when the former had increased his fforces he would renew the warr. Allso the arrivall of the Amity the last of March, whom they hope to Dispatch in Seaven or Eight days, wth: said pacquet came a Generall Letter from Mr: Henry Stanly Cheif of Ballasore dated the 16th: February last, allso a particular Letter to ye: President of Ditto date.

Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 18th Instant adviseing they had concluded the contract wth: their Merchants for 45000 Pags: and that they had drawn two Bills of exchange one for Pags: 779: payable to the President, and the other pags: 133: payable to Wallachy Chittee.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 22.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:,
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The President pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 404: 1: 3 on acco: Custome of Gold coined in the mint.

The President acquaints the Councill wth: a letter received from Mr Hatsell concerning Samuel Williams who being trustee of Mr: Bloom's Estate, after having order of Court given an acco: of the Estate and paid in part, forsooke the place privately and went first to the ffrench at Pollicherry, and a little before the Dutch beseidg'd it went from thence into ye: country among the Morattas and Moors to avoid his being Imprisoned on acco: of the Debt, till invited by a Pardon given him by Mr: Hatsell &c: Councill he came to Fort St: David, and from thence went to the Dutch at Pollicherry where he lives, from whence about a month agoe he went to Mr: Hatsell at Fort St: David, desireing that some way may be found out for his liveing among the English, and that he may recover the Debts due to him and pay in Mr: Bloom's Estate so far as he is able. Mr: Dolben who was employed by the late Commissary Generall to mannage that businesse, being sent for, do's declare that he is willing to comply with any reasonable proposeall that Williams will make, being desireous that he may come and pay something otherwise all will be lost, It is therefore ordered that by our next Generall Letter to Fort St: David we order them to acquaint Mr: Williams that he may come and remaine here, he makeing such proposealls as will satisfie his Creditors.

The President read his accots: of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for the Month of March the balance being Pags: 1819: 19: 4.

Ordered that Pags: 779: be paid the President being for one Bill of Exchange drawn upon us by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St: David, dated the 17th: Instant, as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 18th: Instant.

Ordered that Jacques an Armenian be entertained in the Gun room crew.

Mr: Proby delivers his Answer to the acco: of Sea Customes deliver'd him on the 27th past, wherein he is made Debtor to balance said acco: Pags: 624: 13: 23: which he denies and sai's tis only a forged acco: of the conicoplies to clear themselves, and offers his oath that he hath paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash all the Money that he ever recd: on acco: of Custome, But Mr: Proby having for five or six months past been frequently urged to examine the Sea Custome accots: with Mr: Barwell and Mr: Empson &c: but avoided to take the pains, and having no reason to take his word or his oath, It is ordered that the Attorney Generall do demand the said sume and upon refuseall of Payment to enter and prosecute an action against him in ye: Court of Admiralty.

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Mr Richard Trenchfeild & freighters paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 935: 34: as the balance of their accot: of ffreight of Armenian Merchant as by an accot: now delivered, wherein they demand and reserve an allowance of Pa: 299: 5: for seaventeen Tons short her charter party Tonnage, and [Captn:] Thomas Newnam having in his answer to the freighters denied that he refused to take in any goods that were offer'd in China, and asserted that the tare allso ought to be allowed, It is resolved that the Attorney Generall enter an action against the freighters in the Court of Admiralty for the said sume, that right may be impartially [done] to the Company, owners and freighters, there having been much complaint that ye: Comander and shipps Company have Laden more than their allowance, and it being an ill example and tending to the discouragement of freighting the Rt: Honble: Comps: shipps for the future, The Capt: having avoided to give an accot: of what Laded upon his Shipp, tho often required so to do by us.

Mr: Mildmay the Braminy, Mulla & severall others having taken much pains in takeing an Inventory of the Estate of Allea Vaudee and making up accots: wth: Creditors and Debtors, It is ordered that two and halfe ℔ cent upon the whole amount be allowed for their Satisfaction, and it is refer'd to the Court of Admiralty to divide it.

The Martha comeing into the road the Purser brought the Pacquet ashore from Bengall which contained a list from No: 1 to 11 their generall being dated the 18th: ffebruary. But no Invoice or Bill of Lading mentioned in the list, therewith came a letter from Mr: Ravenhill dated on board ye: Martha the 28th: ffebruary, adviseing that the Invoice and Bill of Lading could not be compleated but he sends a bundle of Boatswains receipts the seal of wch: being at one end open the Secry: was order'd to make them up in another sheet of paper, and the Purser to seal them.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Dr: the Rt: Honble: East India Comps: Cr.

	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
To Cash paid the Honble: Nathl: Higginson in part of freight.	3,000	0	0	By freight of ship Armenian Merchant agreed wth: the Hon: Nath: Higginson Esqr: Govr: &ca: for a voyage of said ship to China.	4,100	0	0
To 17 Tons wanting of Tonnage which in proportion amounts to	299	5	0	By Demorage of said ship £. s. d. 7 days at 8: 14: 9: ℔ £ s d. diem is 61: 3: 3 and 9s. ℔ pagoda is.	135	3	0
	3,299	5	0				
To Balance paid	935	34	0				
Pags:	4,235	3	0		4,235	3	0

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Errors Excepted.

RICHD TRENCHFEILD.

22. Received a Generall Lre by shipp Martha from the Deputy Governour &ca: of ffort St: David dated the 20th: Instant adviseing that they had taken out of the Martha one hundred baggs of wheat, Twenty five baggs of rice, fifty jarrs of oyle, Ten Jarrs Butter, Ten Jarrs of Bread and Two Butts of Sherry, and that they had drawn a Bill for two hundred Pags: payable to Mr: Wright.

Shipp Conimere Merchant arriv'd from Tennasserree.

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ATT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY 23

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : PRESIDENT & GOVERNR :
MR : WILLIAM FRASER MR : JOHN STYLEMAN
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Boatswains receipts received from Mr : Ravenhill by shipp Martha are delivered to the warehousekeeper and Purser to examine and take a list of them, after wch : orders to be given for her unlading.

The Attorney Generall pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 142 : 27 being the produce of the Houses and four gardens belonging to the old washermen sold at Publick outcry, in part of their Debt to the Rt : Honble : Company.

It is ordered that so soone as the Commander of shipp Martha has delivered a Manifest of her Cargo to the Sea Customer (as now advised) the warehousekeeper do cause the shipps cargo to be unladen and placed in convenient Godowns, himselfe, or Assistants, and the Purser of the [shipp] and the Under searcher, to take an accot : of [every] Boat of goods as they come ashore and to [agree] the same every night. — EVENING

That the twenty five Barrells of Cocheneale be in the first place unladen being of considerable value. — DO.

That the severall Bales and goods Laden on ffreight for Private Merchants accot : be all placed in the Sea Custom house godowne and there kept for demand of the concern'd, and none of them have Bills of Lading for them.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

Shipp St : Rosa belonging to Augustin Hart arrived from Pegue. — 24.

Shipp Devadoolot sailed for Bengall by said shipp the President sent a letter to Mr : Henry Stanly Cheif of Balasore of this date. — 25.

Shipp Codda Bux sailed for ffort St : David.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to the Govr : and Councill of Tringombar dated the 25th Instant. — 27.

Shipp Happy Returne arrived [from] Bengall by said shipp received a Generall Letter from the Agent &cs : dated 20th : February 169⅘.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 29.

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : PRESIDT : & GOVERNR :
MR : WILLIAM FRASER MR : JOHN STYLEMAN
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pags : two hundred be paid Mr : Thoms : Wright being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St : David Dated the 20th : Instant.

On ffriday last having made a triall of selling silver by outcry in persuance of an order of Consultation dated the 18th Instant at the rate of sixteen Dollers for Ten Pags : there offered no buyers, But Mr : Dolben now offering to take thirty thousand ounces halfe Ingott halfe Estimates, at the rate of 16¼ Doller weight for Ten Pags : the Ingott to be accounted standard as rated in the Invoice, and to pay seaven thousand Pags : and ye : rest in ten days. The said offer is accepted, and ye : warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver him 15,000 ounces of Ingott silver, and 15,000 ounces of Estimates when demanded.

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Mr: Elliot goeing tomorrow to Fort St: David. It is ordered that ten thousand Pags: be sent [thither] by twelve Peons in his company.

Ordered that six guns from 500 to 1,000 [weight] be sent to Vizagapatam wth: a Candy of Powder and three English souldiers Protestants theire last letter desireing that supply, and complaining there are too many Papists among those whom wee sent last.

Mr: William ffraser warehousekeepeer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags 1,600 on accot: goods sold and read his warehouse accots: for the month of February last, and Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his accots: for the month of March ℔ticulars Vizt:

	Pa.	Fa.
Charges Garrison	867	20
Charges Generall	577	7
Fort St: David	12	22
Charges Diett	318	34
Charges Merchandise	10	29
Charges Cattle	28	3
Vizagapatam	19	9
Yegmore &ca: New Towns	0	18
	1,834	34
Compte vide and Compa: of Brickmakrs	200	0
Fortifications and reprs	95	22
Factors Provisions	9	27
Pags ...	2,140	11

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accot: Passes for the month of March and paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 5 on that accot.

Mr: Dolben pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: seaven thousand in part for thirty thousand ounces of Ingott silver and Estimates contracted for this day.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1,100 on accot: of Sea Customes and ffreight, and read his accot: of Sea Customs for the month of March particulars Vizt:

	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
To accot; Custome of goods exported and imported this month.	1,065	11	5
Ditto of graine	566	16	2
Anchorage	24	18	0
Pags ...	1,656	10	1

Mr: Edward Tredcroft late Register of the Court of Admiralty pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 5: 29: on accot: ffees for registring of Houses and Pags: 5: 10 for ffees in the Court of Admiralty being what due on those accots: till the time of his quitting that place.

Ordered that Pags: 117 and 17 fanams be paid to Suncha Rama being so much due to him out of ye: Estate of Allea Vaudee deceased as appears by an order of the Court of Admiralty dated ye: 20th: Instant.

Ordered that Pags: 133 be paid to Wallachy Chittee being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St: David dated the 17th Instant.

Order'd that Pags: 1613: 27 be paid to Mr: John Styleman being both Principal and interest due on a bond dated the 25th: July 1695.

Mr: John Styleman and Mr: Nathaniel [Stone] pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1,500 at Ten per cent Interest ℔ annum for six months, for wch: tis ordered that a bill be given them.

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Ordered that Pag^{s} : 672 : 5 fanams be paid to [Allea] Beaux Attorney to six Moormen in Bengall [creditors] to Alleavaudee dec^{d}: for severall sums due to them by Judgement of the Court of Admiralty dated the 20th and 24th : Instant.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

Shipp Surrattee Saulamat sailed for Vizagapatam by said shipp sent a Generall Letter to the Cheif &c^{a} of this date wth : three souldiers &c^{a} : things wrote for. 29.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 30.

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESID^{T} : & GOVERN^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Shipp Mary Cap^{t} : Thomas Oyles Commander arrived this day from Gombroon, brings no Generall Letter, but departed thence the 11th : March dispatch't for Bengall and carries a Generall Letter for the Agent &c^{a} : but has nothing in the shipp on the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : acco^{t} : except 1,500 Slabbs of Lead and 50 Chests of Shirash wine, and it being of no import to the businesse in Bengall whether the shipp goes this, or the next month. It is resolved that she be dispatch'd for Fort S^{t} : David to carry the goods stores and treasure which they have wrote for.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do cause the following goods to be Laden on y^{e} : Mary for ffort S^{t} : David Viz^{t} :

	BALES.
Cloth Rashes	5
Broad cloth ordinary	45
Great gunns and carriages of the nine at the sea gate	5
Shirash wine to be contin^{d} : on board and delivered there chests ...	5

Packing stuff and stores wrote for in their late Generall Letter.

Ordered that 25 chest of Shirash wine be unladen.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

Shipp Tanckred Samuel Hart Master arrived from Acheen. PMO. MAY.

Received a generall Letter from Fort S^{t} : David dated the 26th : ultimo.

This Evening M^{r} : Richard Elliot set out for Fort S^{t} : David in Company of whome sent six Peons wth : three thousand Pag^{s} :

Dispatcht a generall to the Cheif &c^{a} : of Pollicat of this date desireing them to deliver John [Scott] an Englishman, who run from this [place to] avoid paying his Debts.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 2.

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESID^{T} : & GOVERN^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

There being 66 Butts of wine upon the Martha, whereof 40 were as the Captain [saies] put aboard his shipp in Bengall trim'd, but y^{e} : rest have laine in his hold ever since they were Laden at Cadiz. It is ordered that M^{r} :

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Hillier go aboard the shipp and cause every Cask [to] be gaug'd and numbered, and a bottle to be taken out of each Caske for a muster, and that the Caske be examined, and if any does not appear sound and firme, that they be started into other Caskes, and all unladen into the Godown, wherein Richard Wantlesse is to assist him, and to fine the wine to make it fitt for sale or use.

Order'd that the warehousekeep^{r}: sell 20 Baggs of rice every day in the Banksall [till] it be all sold, and the wheat at outcry a Garse in a Lott some time the next weeke reserving two hundred baggs for the use of this Coast and the West Coast.

The Paymaster is ordered to pay unto the souldiers which came by the Martha three months Pay deducting their cloths and Diett paid by the Agent &c^{a}: of Bengall.

M^{r}: Foquet Rentall Generall pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 219 on acco^{t}: of Quit rents.

Generall Letter to Bengall dated y^{e}: 23^{d}: April and first Instant, allso a generall letter from the President to the King of Cochin China of this date to be sent by a Countrey Shipp goeing thither upon private acco^{ts}: to make a triall of trade read and approved.

Ordered that one thousand Pag^{s}: be paid M^{r}: Thom^{s}: Wright Paymaster for defraying charges garrison.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

2. Shipp Good Hope Francis Holt Mast^{r}: arrived from Pegue.

3. Shipp Devamond Shekawn Nocquedah arrived in this road from Bengall and shipp Diamond Henry Laurence master from Pegue, Briggantine Acheen Merchant Henry [Harnes] master from the Mallabar Coast, the master reports that five days before he came to Mangalore a ffrench shipp saild from thence to Goa.

4. Shipp Nossa Senhora de Boa Viago arrived from Queda and Shipp Nossa Senhora [de] Rasaria Enarsse Swares master from Pegue.

5. Last night Shipps Francis and Eagle [John] Mabb and John Cockroft Masters sailed for Bengall, by the latter sent a generall letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the 23^{d}: April and first Instant.

Delivered a Passe to shipp Dolphins men.

7. Shipp Dolphin Zachariah Stilgo master sailed for Cochin China by whom the President sent a letter to the King and a Letter for M^{r}: Richard Watts Cheif &c^{a}: Councill at Tonqueen to be sent thither if any conveighance of[fered] allso Instructions sign'd by the President and Councill were delivered to M^{r}: Thom^{s}: Bowyear [supra cargo] of said shipp, for treating [with the] King of Cochin China for a settlement [in his] countrey.

WEDNES-DAY 8.— ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOVERN^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Arrac farmers paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 166: 24: fanams on that acco^{t}:

John Dolben Esq^{r}: pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 5500 on acco^{t}: of silver sold him.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company Cash Pag^{s}: 4000 on acco^{t}: silver sold.

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Ordered that the warehousekeep[r]: cause y[e]: goods formerly appointed, to be Laden on Shipp Armenian Merchant till Shee is full.

Ordered that forty Candy of saltpetre be del[d]: to the Powder maker.

Ordered that John Hendricke, Andras Swanson and John Linderson Dutchmen and John Laverdee ffrenchman be entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

The Paymaster reports the Muster of Shipp Martha's men to be 111 and Shipp Marys 73.

The Secretary reports an acco[t]: of moneys sent from hence to Metchlepatam [and MadaPollam] by orders of Consultation from January 168$\frac{8}{9}$ to January 169$\frac{1}{2}$ for repairs of those ffactories amount to Pag[e]: 1150.

Ordered that Pag[s]: 500 be paid M[r]: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Ordered that the warehousekeep[r]: do cause the Cocheneale to be opened viewed and weigh[ed] calling to his assistance M[r]: Tredcroft and D[r]: Bulkley, and cause the weight of each [barrell] to be mark'd upon the barrell, and y[e]: [caske] if defective to be mended.

Generall Letters to His Excellency [Sir John] Gayre of this days date, and to Gov[r]: Pitt and Councill at Negapatam dated the 6[th]: Instant read and approved.

Ordered that Pag[s]: two hundred and [fifty] be paid to the Cheif of Pollicat, as desired [by] Gov[r]: Pitt &c[a]: by their letter dated the 9[th]: April for five hundred Dollers borrowed [by M[r]:] Hamon Gibbons late Cheif of [Indrapoura] in the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: name of the [Dutch Cheife] of Padang, and that the same be [sent by] two Peons w[th]: a Lre to the Cheif and [Councill].

Ordered that an order be given to [Cap[t]: Raynes] Comander of shipp Martha for dischargeing John Anderson his son [from his] shipp, and that two Dutch Sea [men belonging] to this Garrisson, be sent aboard to serve in their roome. The said Anderson having the character of a very sober man and a diligent Ingenious workman in Armory & Smith worke, and may be very serviceable particularly in keeping the Armes in repair. It is ordered that he be entertained to oversee and direct that businese at five Pag[s]: a month wages, and his son entertained in the Gunroom.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper cause the Bales of Musters of M[r]: Peachies Mauld[a] cloth sent by the Martha to be opened and viewed in the presence of M[r]: Peachie and cause M[r]: Trenchfeild and M[r]: Bowridge to assist in makeing a report thereof.

NATH: HIGGINSON. THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER. ED: TREDCROFT.
JO: STYLEMAN.

8. Dispatch'd a generall [letter to Gov[r]: Pitt & Councill] at Negapatam [dated y[e]: 6[th]:] Instant.

Received a generall [letter from y[e]: Deputy Gov[r]: &c[a]:] of Fort S[t]: David dated the 4[th]: [Instant with severall] other Papers relating to Mess[rs] Constable [Troughton] and Lesslie from N[o]: 1 to N[o]: 17.

9. Dispatch't a Generall Letter to His Excellency Sir John Gayer of Yesterdays date.

FRYDAY 10.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: PRESID[T]: & GOVERN[R]:
M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN
M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Orderd that the following stores be sent by ship Mary to Fort S[t]: David, and if not in [stores] to be bought Viz[t]:

Tarr	Barrells	4
Salt Petre	Baggs	40
Iron ordnance of about 5,000 w[tt]: ...		6 as before.
Hand spikes		100

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Hand Granado Shells			200
Gunnies			400
Twine Bengall	Pound		50
Lines			6
Jaggery	Candy		50
Sherry	Butt		1
Bengall Arrac	Butt		1

John Dolben Esqr: Attorney to John Pitt Attorney to John Davis paying into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags 1202: 19: 4 mony of said John Davis. It is orderd that Bills be given Mr: Dolben drawn on the Rt: Honble: Company for the said sume at nine Shillings for a Pagoda payable to Ditto Davis at thirty days sight.

Ordered that 1,000 Pags be paid to Mr: Thoms: Wright on a bill dated the 3d: Instant, and Pags: 800 to Peddee Tombee Chittee on a bill dated the 29th: past, both drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St: David.

The ffort St: David Generall Letter dated ye: 4th: Instant having represented it is their opinion upon their knowledge and examination of ye: quarrell between Mr: Troughton and Lievtenant Lesslie, that it was not fitt Lievtenant Lesslie should remaine in that garrison, except he beg'd pardon of Mr: Troughton, which he did then and doth now refuse, It is resolved that Lievt: Lesslie do not returne to ffort St: David to serve the Rt: Honble: Company in that Garrison, and Mr: Troughton being not charg'd with a[ny] particular crime in their Generall Letter or attestations. But Lievtenant Lesslie alledgeing that Mr: Troughton did give him the Lye, which was the occasion of the quarrell, and that during the quarrell Mr: Troughton gave as bad words as, he, It is resolved that our next Generall Letter order them to give a further accot: thereof, and Lievtenant Lesslie having alledg'd that he offered three severall papers to the Deputy Governour which with severall others were all rejected, [thô] directed to himselfe and Councill, and it [being] allso alledged by one of Councill that ye: [rejecting] of papers so directed is contrary to the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders, It is ordered that the Secretary do demand of Lievtenant Lesslie the copies of said Papers, and that the same be sent with our next Generall Letter, that Mr: Hatsell may give a reason why he did not receive them.

The President propounding to the Councill to consider what is further to be resolved concerning Lievtenant Lesslie, and in discourse thereupon Mr: ffraser having thought fitt to declare that the President may have it as he pleases. The President doth demand of Mr: ffraser the reason and meaning of yt: expression, which seeming to reflect on the rest of ye: Councill as men that will say what the President sai's and do's allso insinuate unlesse explained that the President do's use unwarrantable means to obtaine their votes, Mr: ffraser do's in opposition to that construction instance in Doctor Blackwalls case, wherein he sai's that one day his Petition for being admitted an attorney was rejected, and on another day another was granted But all of Councill and the secretary and the President do declare that they knew nothing of its being rejected at any time, and ye: Gentlemen of Councill do declare that the President never Spoke one word to them concerning Doctor Blackwalls being admitted an attorney [but] in consultation. The President thereupon supposeing this to be an unworthy & ground[less] reflection of Mr: ffrasers on the President and the rest of the Councill, doth require his further answer, It being necessary that a matter of this concerne be cleared before other business be proceeded on.

Doctor Blackwall being at Mr: ffraser's demand sent for, was examined how many Petitions he had delivered to us relating to his being an Attorney in the court, to which he answered that he remembered but one, & being asked whether he had the copy of it, he answd: he thought he had, and being order'd to go and fetch the copies of as many as he presented on that subject, brought one dated the 13th: March which desires to be an Attorney of both courts and affirm'd that he had no copy of any other.

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Ordered that a bill be sett on the sea gate for all persons to lade on board [10TH.] goods on freight shipp Martha for Vizagapatam & Bengall at the useuall rates.

Ordered that the wheat by ship Martha appointed to be sold at outcry by former Consultations be sold all but two hundred baggs reserved for the use of the Garrison at y^e^: rate of Pag^s^: 57½ a garse which is now offered at a months payment, being a good price and doubtfull whether the Outcry will yeild so much.

Order'd that Peter de Allmas a ffrenchman be discharged upon his request from the Gunroome crew, he having served out his contracted time.

Mess^rs^: Dean Morrice and Addison who formerly refused to go and serve the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: at Yorke Fort were sent for, and asked what they had to say for themselves, they alledge the same reasons they had before given in consultation, att severall times principally insisting on the unhealthinesse of y^e^: place, which one feared not being seasoned to the countrey, another because he had already experienced it, and the other because he was subject to feavors and agues the distempers of y^e^: place, after full consideration of all circumstances, It is resolved that they doe such writeing worke as the accomptant and Secretary shall appoint them till further order and notice to be taken of their behaviour according to which they are to be further considered, which order they are now acquainted w^th^:

Four souldiers that came out by the Martha, having by a Petition set forth, that one Jonathan Angell a passenger of y^e^: shipp layd his death to the charge of John Swan 4^th^: mate of said shipp It is recommended to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty [to take] the Depositions of the said persons, or other wittnesses and to proceed accordingly.

Thomas Walton writer [who] was sent hither from Fort S^t^: David because he was refractory and Idle, and could by no means there be kept in good order, and since here for Eight months being appointed to write under the Secretary allwais neglected to do what was order'd him after which he was appointed about three months agoe to copy over a Ledger, and all this time has done but 11 folio's, thô upon information that he used to lye out of the ffort, and spend the nights in wandering up and down about Town in Moors [habit] and corrupted severall other young men to accompany him in Debauchery. The President therefore ordered him not to go out of the ffort without leave, and strictly injoined him to finish the Bookes, and upon further information that M^r^: Walton had [a designe] to leave the place and run into the Moors service, having by his extravigancy run in Debt. beyond his ability to pay, The President gave orders to the Lievtenants of the Guard not to permitt him to go out of the ffort without leave. The whole matter being now represented and discoursed in Councill and M^r^: Walton being sent for to bring his Booke it does appear that he has not written one word since he was last ordered, and do's declare that he cannot write, but desires to go home. Being incorrigible, It is resolved that he have leave to go by Shipp Armenian Merchant, and in the meantime to prevent his further [debaucheries] and runing to the Moors, that the Officer of the guard do not permitt him to go out of the ffort.

It is now the 20^th^ Instant that I have signed this Consultation & have according to my promise del^d^: in a Paper the next Consultation following this w^ch^: paper is dated the 14^th^: Instant. W.F.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Shipp Charee arrived in this road from Bengall Laden w^th^ rice, wheat &c^a^. 10.

Shipp Northampton Richard Phripp Master came [into this road] having 11. lost his Passage to Surrat for which place he sailed the 14^th^: January last, and brings a General Letter from the Cheif of Callicutt dated the 18^th^: April adviseing that the Arrabs ffleet meeting w^th^: a French shipp at Mangelore had attack'd her, and that after an engagement of severall hours she got away, but the Captain and twelve of his men were kil'd and severall wounded, the Shipp much shattered, and was gone to Goa to repair, and that the Arrabs had two hundred men kiled in the fight.

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Received a Generall Letter from M[ee]nhir Paulus Brochebourd from Pollicat dated the 11th: Instant.

14. Received a Generall Letter from the Govr: &cª: of Tringombar dated the 7th: Instant in answer to ours of the 25th: April.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to the Rt: Worspll: Adrian Visser Cheif &cª: Councill at Pollicat of this date wth: 250 Pags: as ordered by Consultation of ye: 8th: Instant.

WEDNESDAY 15. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDr: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Dolben pays into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Pags: 8464: 5: 2 as the balance of what due from him for 30,008 ozs: 3 dwt: of Silver Ingott and Estimats delivered him by order of Consultation of the 29th: past.

Mr: Dean having presented a Petition as entred in the copy Booke of Letters for leave to go home on Shipp Mary, It is resolved that he have leave to go home on shipp Armenian Merchr:

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1,400: on accot: Sea Customs.

Ordered that six Butts of Sherry be filled up and sent aboard the Mary for ffort St: David [to] be sold there and by the next oppertunity one [butt] be sent to Vizagapatam for the use of the ffactors and another for sale.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeepr: pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 2,000 on accot: goods and Silver sold.

John Dolben Esqr: delivers in a copy of an accot: relating to the Estate of Mr: John Davis in the [hands] of Mr: Henry Alford deceased. Allso an accot: [current] signed by Mrs: Sarah Pitt and Mr: John Dolben [and] an attested copy of a receipt signed by John [Nicks] for Pags: 694: 13: fanams paid him by order of Mr: John Davis. Ordered that said papers be entred in the Copy Booke of Letters and sent home by the Armenian Merchant.

Ordered that 50 Pags: be advanced to Perrie Powderman by the Storekeeper.

Ordered that the warehousekeepr: do sell the four or five chests of Ingott silver remaining at the rate of 16½ Doller weight for ten Pags:

Mr: John Afflecke presenting a Petition desireing leave for exporting one thousand [baggs of] Salt Petre to Tringombar, alledgeing that the Govr: and Councill of Tringombar had contracted wth: him for it for the Royall Danish Comps: accot: It is ordered that leave be granted him, on condition that he do within four months produce a certificate signed by the Governour and Councill of Tringombr: that they had received the said Petre for accot: of the Danish Company, and in consideration of the present warrs in Europe, it is ordered that for the future no Inhabitant of this place do contract with any person for the Exporting of saltpetre to any place whatsoever without first acquainting the Governour therewith, and leave obtain'd, and if any person shall make such contract without leave, it is hereby declared void, and this order to continue in full fforce till the contrary is declared.

The Secretary is ordered to affix the aforegoing order on the Sea gate.

Ordered that Mr: Henry Pullein be sent home on the Armenian Merchant for the reasons mentioned in Consultation and that an order be given the Commander for receiving him and Thomas Walton according to the Provision made in Charterparty for the carrying two persons without any allowance for the same to the owners.

Ordered that three hundred Candy of red wood be Laden on board Shipp Martha for Bengall.

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Mr: ffraser delivers a Paper dated the 14th: relating to the matter of Consulta- [15TH]
tion of the 10th Instant, but it being late neither that, nor the letter recd: from the Governr and Councill of Tringombar in answer to ours dated the 25th past was read, but are refer'd to our next meeting.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Received a Generall Letter from the Rt: Worpll: Adrian Visser Cheif &ca: 16.
Councill of Pollicat dated $\frac{1}{2}\frac{5}{5}$ Instant, in answer to ours of the 14th Inst.

Shipp Welfare Joseph Child master arrived from Persia.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to ffort St: David of yesterdays date. 17.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: FRIDAY 17.
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Edmund Mountague Provll: Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: Eight hundred on accot: of Land Custome.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comp: Cash Pags: three thousand two hundred on accot: silver sold.

NATH: HIGGINSON. THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER. ED: TREDCROFT.
JO: STYLEMAN.

Shipp Experiment Thomas Brennocke master arrived in this road from the 18.
Mallabar Coast.

Shipp Wellcome arrived from Persia and Shipp Thankfull from Callicut.

Received Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 14th: Instant.

Narrain Cheif Dubash arrived here last night from [Pettipollee] &ca: accompanied with five Merchants of those parts.

The following paper was sent this Evening to the President and Councill by Capt: Newnam Vizt.

TO THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR: &CA: COUNCILL.
Honble: &ca: Srs.

The Shipp Armenian Merchant having been from England near twenty six months, and having now served the Rt: Honble: Comps: the full time of her Demorage according to Charterparty, besides the four months demorage for the losse of her passage about the Cape of Good Hope, has by long delay in the Countrey, as well as the Scarsity of provisions &ca: Stores, caused me to be at great expence, in so much that I have launch'd out two thousand pounds all on my own accot: yett: the expences increase and my stocke being allready expended, I am no longer able to supply her myselfe wth: out the assistance of your Honr: &ca: Councill, therefore as the shipp has allready gained her Demorage, and is now dispeeding for England, do desire you will please to supply me wth: what money I shall want, from the Honble: Comps: Cash, I giveing such rates and Security as usually shipping gives, or shall be thought reasonable, this I hope your Honr: &ca: will take into consideration and let me be supplyed the time of my departure growing very near, not elce but a desired pardon for my forc't necessity, wth: my most humble service to yor: Hons: &ca: Councill.

I subscribe my selfe
Honble: &ca: Srs:
Yor: Most Humble: Servant
THOMAS NEWNAM.

Madrasse
18th May 1695.

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[21st] The Councill being summoned and mett, the following answer was agreed written & signed.

To Capt: Thoms: Newnam
Comandr of Ship Armenian
Merchant.

In answer to your paper dated this day [desiring] us to supply you with what money you [shall] want from the Honble: Comps: Cash (for the use of your Shipp) Wee have allready supplyed you at your request with five hundred Dollers ye: [sum] Limitted by Charterparty, and we have no order or power either by Charterparty or Letters from the Rt: Honble: Company to furnish you with any more out of their Cash for the use of your Shipp. Wee are.

Your Loveing Freinds.
Nath: Higginson.
William Fraser.
John Styleman.
Thoms: Wright.
Edward Tredcroft.

Which was sent to his Lodging, but he being gone to the Mount, was sent thither by a Peon to him.

Att a Consultation

Present

Monday 21. The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Presidt: & Govern: :
Mr: William Fraser Mr: John Styleman
Mr: Thomas Wright Mr: Edward Tredcroft.

Ordered that Manuel Demount be entertained as a souldier in this garrison for three years.

Mr: William ffraser warehousekeeper pay[s] into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: Eight hundred on accot: of goods sold.

Captain Thomas Newnam Commander of Shipp Armenian Merchant being sent for was acquainted that it was our intentions to [proceed] in compleating the Lading of his Shipp as the weather will permitt, and desired him to [acquaint] us if there be any impediment as he seems to intimate in his paper dated the 18th: instant, to which he answered that there was no impediment and promised to proceed in the Lading of his shipp as goods were sent off.

Mr: Nicks presenting a Petition dated ys: day. It is ordered that the following answr: be given him.

You are under an Execution by virtue of [a] Judgement of the Court of Admiralty for a large sume of money due to the Rt: Honble: Company [and in custody of ye:] Marshall by whose favor It seems you have the liberty of the Town; you now request us to give you leave to go a voyage, & offer your oath or security for your returne if you live, wee apprehend we cannot grant you the said liberty without rendring ourselves liable to make good your debt to the Rt: Honble: Company, But if you will pay the remainder of the Judgement, or give us security for the payment thereof, in such manner as the Law allows, we shall not only consent to your goeing a voyage but [readily] do anything that lies in our power for your assistance and incouragement therein.

Narrain returning on Saturday from the Northern factories, Hee and five Pettipollee Merchants who came with him appearing this day in Consultation, twas demanded of the Merchants to give in their proposealls which they did in the following particulars Vizt.

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That the Rt; Honble: Company Settle a factory at Durampaut in the same manner as formerly at Pettipollee, and to mannage all businesse wth: the Government, and to rent Durampaut Town. [21st]

That the Merchants will make an Investment of 40000 Pags: whereof they will take in Europe goods at the last Pettipollee factory prizes Pags: 20000. Vizt: 8000 Pags: in Europe cloth & 12000 Pags: in Lead. [That they will provide all such sorts of goods as ye: Countrey affords, some by ye: Comps: Musters and some by new Musters but cannot be limitted to ye: quantity of any particular sort.

The Prizes of such goods as formerly were abated to be thus, the abatement to be taken off and 2 Pagds: in a Corge to be advanced upon everry Corge, but a further advance to be made upon such goods upon which there was noe abatement formerly.

Narrain doeth declare that this was ye: utmost he could perswade them to, but brought them hither hopeing they might compley with better tearmes and that ye: Metchlepatam and Madapollam Merchants when they heard of ye: proposealls, laught at them, for undertakeing a thing that they could not perform by reason of ye: scarcity of rice, dearness of cloth, and troubles of the Goverment.

The President acquainted ye: Merchts: that the Rt: Honble: Comps: meeting with soe much trouble and ill usuage there was the occasion of theire withdraweing those Factories, and that they could not settle there againe unlesse ye: Merchants will undertake to deale with ye: Goverment and desired them to consider further of yt: as ye: first point.

Narrain informs that he has also perswaded others Merchts: of those parts to come and treat with us, and yt: they will be here in a few dayes.

Mr: Thos: Constable haveing had ye: peruseall of ye: Papers last sent from Fort St. David relateing to his accot: doth now declare yt: he hath noe further answer to make.

Ordered that Mr: Styleman do state Mr: Constables Accot: Curt: wth: ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: according to ye: papers dated ye: 15th: of Apprill examined in Consultation and the Fort St. David answer dated ye: 3 of May & report ye: same.

Ordered that ye: Fishing farme wch: expired ye: first Instant be continued to Mr: Delgardner at 40 Pagods: for ye: ensueing yeare, none offering more for it.

Narrain delivers in his accot: Expences of his Journey to ye: Northern Factories amounting to Pagods: 192: 12: upon wch: the ballance due to him is 1: 34: 3: wch: ye: paymaster is ordered to pay him.

Nathll: Higginson.
Thos: Wright. Wm: Fraser.
Ep: Tredcroft. John Styleman.

To the Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr:
Presidt: and Govr: &ca: Councill.

Haveing by ye: great favour and clemency of his Excellency ye: Comissary, and ye: Honble: Govr: &ca: Councill, been enlarged from my Confinement by ye: judgemt: and execution of the Court of Admiralty, have ever since continued within ye: limits of ye: Garrison in Idleness and expence, haveing had neither buisiness to employ me, or get any thing for ye: maintenance of my poor great family, nor is there any likehood of doeing it whilst I remaine here, but some friends out of their kind comiseration of my family and necessities have offered me an employment att sea that may contribute something to ye: support of my poor children so most humbly begg yr: Honr: &ca: permission to accept thereof, and liberty to goe a voiage, and I shall solemley and faithfully give you my oath to returne hither againe and submitt myself to yr: pleasure, and dispose (God spareing my life) or give you security for it, wch: I hope none will be soe hard to

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[23ED] deny me, considering how long I have served, and what I have suffered, and that my stay can be no advantage to y^e^: Company or any other whatever, since I have nothing capable of it, soe humbly beg y^r^: Hon^rs^: &c^a^: mercifull grant to my humble petition w^ch^: will oblidge me and mine ever to pray for y^r^: health and prosperities being.

Hon^ble^: &c^a^: S^rs^:
Y^r^: most faithfull and
obedient servant
JOHN NICKS.

May 20^th^ 1695.

21. Received a generall lett^r^: from Vizagapatam dated y^e^: 4 Instant adviseing that shipp Amity was dispatched on y^e^: 25^th^ past for Yorck Fort with 277 Bales.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 23^D^. THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
M^R^: W^M^: FRAZER M^R^: JO^N^: STYLEMAN
M^R^: THO^S^: WRIGHT M^R^: ED: TREDCROFT.

The Presid^t^: read his acco^t^: of y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Companyes Cash for y^e^: Month of Ap^r^: y^e^: ballance being Pago^ds^: 9361: 21: 1: and the Cash examined to this day found to be Pago^ds^: 33430: 34: 1: and the Talliars Pago^ds^: 1595: 25: 1: and the Towne Conicoplyes Pago^ds^: 1105: 32: 4:

Ordered that Pago^ds^: 22000 be delivered y^e^: Warehouskeep^r^: to be sent to Fort St. David upon shipp Mary, and Pago^ds^: 1000 paid M^r^: Tho^s^: Wright paymaster for defrayeing charges Garrison.

The Warehouskeep^r^: reports 7 Bales and 35 of Long cloth bought of Narculla Ballu y^e^: prizes whereof are agreed as followeth viz^t^:

N^o^: 2 +	Bales	3	con^t^:	4^cor^:	10^ps^:	at Pago^ds^:	27:	18:	per:	Cor:	121:	27:
N^o^: 1	„	2	„	3	„		26:	⅛:	„		78:	133:
N^o^: 1 +	„	2	„	3	„		25:	¼:	„		75:	27:
			„	3	„						3:	27:
										Pag^s^:	279:	22: 3

which is ordered to be paid.

Vincattee payes into y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pago^ds^: 233: 24: as y^e^: ballance of y^e^: last yeares Tobacco farme ending y : 22^d^: March last and Pago^ds^: 307: 15: on account of y^e^: beetle farme, which amounting to Pago^ds^: 541: 3: all in fanhams is ordered to be paid M^r^: Tho^s^: Wright.

Ordered that 200^ca^: of Mallabar Pepper be bought of Colloway Chittee att y^e^: rate of 25 Pago^ds^: per Candy, and that 1000 Pago^ds^: be now paid him in part, and the rest when the Warehouskeeper has reported y^e^: weight received.

Upon reading the generall Lett^r^: from Vizagapatam dated y^e^: 4 Instant, wherein they advice y^e^: Countreyes being settled, theire Merch^ts^: have agreed to finish the 10000 Pago^ds^: contract in 3 Months, and will undertake another of 30 or 40 thousand Pago^ds^: upon the old tearmes and old sorts to be delivered by Christmass, and that y^e^: Weavours will not this yeare undertake y^e^: Provisions of any other sorts required by y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Companys list, It is ordered by y^e^: next conveyance soe much money be sent to Vizagapatam as can well be spared not exceeding 15000 Pago^ds^: whereof 5000 Pago^ds^: to be in rupees w^ch^: the warehouskeep^r^: is ordered to provide w^ch^: will be sufficient to finish theire old contract of 10000 Pago^ds^:, and to make another contract for y^e^: like sume on the old tearmes, and will be enough to keep theire Weavours and Washers in imployment

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for 3 or 4 Months, in the w^ch^: time they will be better able to Judge of y^e^: settlement of y^e^: Countrey, and may accordingly be carrying on further treaties w^th^: theire Merch^ts^: for larger sumes and other sorts of goods.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
THO^S^: WRIGHT. WILL^M^: FRAZER.
ED: TREDCROFT. JOHN STYLEMAN.

This Evening M^r^: Richard Elliot arrived from Fort St. David and brought a 24.
genⁿ: lett^r^: dated the 21^st^: Instant adviseing they had drawne a bill upon us for Pago^ds^: 323: 3: payable to M^r^: Batson Pearson.

Delivered Cap^t^: Oyles Comand^r^: of shipp Mary his dispatch for Fort St. David 25.
w^th^: our Pacquett for the Deputy Governour &c^a^:

Yesterday a shipp from Goa arrived att St. Thoma upon w^ch^: Francisco Lewis a Fidalgo who formerly sailed from this port, and gives out that he has brought a Comission from y^e^: Viceroy w^th^: a genⁿ: Authority over all affaires on y^e^: Coast, but will not produce it till occasion requires, he hath also brought w^th^: him a Comission appointing a Cap^t^: and Ensigne of y^e^: souldiers att St. Thoma, but noe money or men. It is supposed that his business is only to be a Factor for y^e^: Comp^a^: at Goa, and to gaine subscriptions to stocke.

Received a Generall lett^r^: from Vizagapatam dated y^e^: 9^th^ Instant w^th^: a generall lett^r^: from M^r^: Henry Stanley cheife of Ballisore, dated 11^th^: Ap^r^: and a Pacq^t^: from y^e^: Agent &c^a^: att Bengall containing 2 generall lett^rs^: dated y^e^: 28^th^: and 29^th^: March w^th^: y^e^: severall pap^rs^: according to List.

Dispatched a generall lett^r^: to Fort St. David of this date w^th^: coppies of our generall lett^r^:, Invoyce, bill of ladeing and list of freight goods sent per shipp Mary.

About 2 a clocke this afternoon shipp Mary sailed for Fort St. David. 26.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^:
M^R^: W^M^: FRAZER. M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THO^S^: WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pago^ds^: 323: 3: be paid to M^r^: Batson Pearson, being for one bill dated y^e^: 20^th^: Instant and Pago^ds^: 114 to Padre Miguellanjo for one bill of Ditto date both drawn by y^e^: Deputy Gov^r^: and Councill of Fort St. David as advised in theire Genⁿ: lett^r^: dated y^e^: 21^st^:

Wallachy Chittee &c^a^: Beetle and Tobacco Farmers paid into y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Cash Pago^ds^: 516: 24: for one Month on that account.

The Warehouskeep^r^: produces a paper received from Cap^t^: Newnam as entered after this Consultation.

Ordered that Jerman Johnson Dutchman bee entered as a souldier for 2 yeares and to serve the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: where they shall have occasion.

There being a report that Wallachy Chittee was privately treating with y^e^: Avaldar of St. Thoma for renting that place he was cautioned that in case he engaged himself in y^e^: Duans buisiness and any difference arise between them upon makeing up theire acco^ts^:, he must not expect to] be protected here, But he denies to have [made any] bargaine for it, and promises he will not. M^r^: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer read his acco^t^: of Sea Customs for the month of April particulars Viz^t^.

To Custome of goods imported and exported this month.	P.	1128:	1: 4
Ditto on graine	„	745:	7: 5
Anchorage	„	50:	... ..
	Pags.	1923:	9: [3]

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[26TH] Mr John Meverell receiver of the Sea Customs pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags 338: 6: 76 on accot: of the Talliars duty, and Pags: 159: 20: 7 on account of the Town Conicoplies duty, being for seaven months past ending April last.

There having been considerable summs of money at sundry times by Mr Pitt late Storekeepr Imprested to Nino Carpenter and Perrimall for the Provision of Gun Carriages and gun stockes and since for red wood, for which they have no credit in the generall Bookes, nor in any accot: deliver'd, except for red wood, and yet it is [knowne] that severall parcells of carriages and [Gun-stockes] has been delivered, but the quantity and [value] not stated. It is ordered that Mr Wright [calling Mr:] Hiller and the Gunner to his assistance [do examine and report ye: state of that accot: with a valuation] of what delivered [by Nino who] now appears so considerabley [indebted that it is not convenient] to entrust more money [for ye: provision of red] wood till it be adjusted.

The Pettipollee Merchants [deliver their] answer to the question [propounded to them in] Consultation the 20th: Instant [wherein they] possitively declare that they cannot [contract] for Europe goods and an Investment [of Callicoes] unless wee will settle a factory [at Durampaut,] in the same manner as factories [were formerly] settled at Pettipollee &ca: all charges of the factory and Government to be borne by the Rt: Honble: Company, alledging that they dare [not] undertake to answer the charges of ye Government tho under the protection of the name and Priviledges of the English.

It is resolved that we cannot settle a factory at Durampat on the terms they propose it being directly contrary to the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders thô if it could be done at least twenty thousand Pags of Europe goods might be yearly disposed off.

There remains only to be propounded to ye: merchants that they bring ten or twenty thousand Pags: in fine Paintings and callicoes to Fort St George [upon theire] own risque to be paid for when delivered here at such prizes as shall be agreed.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

MR FRASER

Sr

Please to order no more of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Bales aboard Shipp Armenian Merchant, till such time as the permissive goods are aboard that you have given warrants [for] that things may be stowed as they should, when they are all aboard I will lett you know and what quantity more we can take in.

Sr: Yor: humble Servant
THO: NEWNAM.

May 27th 1695.

This morning shipp Morning Starr William [Brookes] master sailed for China whereof John Dolben [Esqr] went Supra Cargo.

THURSDAY. 30. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHLL HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pags: [16: 24:] be paid Mr: Thoms: Wright for defrayeing charges of Garrison.

The Attorney Generall [produceing] an order of the Court of Admiralty [dated ye: 29th:] Instant appointing the difference between [ye: Rt: Honble:]

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Comp[a] & the] ffreighters of Shipp Armenian [Merchant re]lating to her Tonnage being [short of charter]party, be referred to the examination [of two] or more indifferent persons on [each side & y[e]] defendants, having made choise [of M[r]. Alvarez] and M[r]: Afflecke, It is resolved that [y[e] same] persons do make a report to the [Court on] behalfe of the Company. [30TH]

The Judge acquainting that there is [some] cases depending in Court that are intricate [and] difficult, and desires that M[r]: Hatsell the other assistant to the Court may be sent for to assist in the tryall of the Same, It is resolved in consideration of the contract lately made with their Merchants he be not possitively order'd to come, but by our next Generall Letter it be left to him and Councill that he may come so soone as the state of their affairs will permitt.

Ordered that Pag[s]: 83: 19 fanams be paid to Cap[t]: Thomas Raynes: Pag[s]: 300 to Balthasar Demenezes and Pag[s]: 242: 18 to M[r]: John Styleman being [for three bills of exchange drawne by y[e] Deputy Governour and] Councill of Fort S[t]: David [all dated] the 25[th]: Instant.

Ordered that the following summs be paid to the following persons being for money due to them upon Bond Viz[t].

Violantee Tuttee Pag[s]: 263: 6 fanams being the Principal and Interest at 9 ℔cent due this day as by our bond dated the 4[th]: May 1693 and to M[r]: John Afflecke Pag[s] 2123: 8 fanams due to y[s]: day as by our bond dated y[e] 18[th]: October 1694 being in full for Principal and Interest at Ten ℔ Cent upon Pag[s]: two thousand.

Ordered that the Accomptant do next Consultation day produce a list of all money borrowed remaining unpaid, that the bills due may be paid off to prevent further Interest.

M[r]: William ffraser warehousekeeper pay[s]: into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Cash Pag[s]: seaven thousand on acco[t]: of Silver and goods sold, and produces his Warehouse acco[t]: for the month of April last, w[th]: [an acco[t]:] of remains ending the last of Ditto month [without] Prizes, but the reading is refer'd till next Consultation day.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

[Shipp Jepha Merch[t]: Thomas Plumbe master] sailed for Bengall. 31

Shipp Alliphante[belonging to the Danes arrived in]this road from [Tringombar.]

Shipp Happy return [Samuell Dixon] master sailed for Bengall. JUNE 1695

Received a Generall Letter from [Fort S[t]: David] dated the 29[th]: past. ℔ mo.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 3

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: PRESID[T]: & GOVERN[R]:
M[R]: WILLIAM: FRASER: M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN
M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Wee are informed that on Saturday the [Primo Instant] Senhor ffrancisco Lewis the ffidalgo who came lately from Goa to S[t]: Thoma, summoned the Portuguez of S[t]: Thoma to hear his Commission read from the Viceroy of Goa, appointing him generall of the Coast of Choromandell, and requireing all persons to assist him in executing the Viceroys orders, which are not known, whereupon the Cap[t]: More Thoma Demago surrendered his authority to him, & would not be perswaded to continue, alledgeing that he had already spent the greatest part of

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[3ED] his Estate in the Publick Service, and cannot any longer sustaine the publick expence at his own charges, at the same time allso was produced a Commission from the Viceroy appointing Ferdinando Manuel (who has sailed from this Port six or seven years). A Cap^{t}: of warr by sea, and his Brother lately come from Goa, [Cap^{t} of y^{e} land forces at St Thoma and one Domingo Peires] Inhabitant of S^{t}: Thomas an Ensigne, but [at present] there is no account of any souldiers [amunition,] or money sent from Goa to maintain the charges of the garrison, at the same time John de Coasta Francisco Mendes and John Baptista at present resident in this Citty were summoned but they did not appear, many of their own nation [esteeming] this is to be but a bravado, which having no foundation cannot subsist, we find no occasion to take any notice thereof, but only to observe their proceedings which if they do not arise from french councill cannot much effect this place.

Frequent advices particularly the last generall from ffort S^{t}: David dated the 29th past, advise that the Moors do strictly prohibit all provisions from goeing into Pollicherry, and that they had actually seized, sold and carried away all y^{e}: Paddy growing in the adjacent Towns bought of Ram-Raja and that this is done by the Nabobs order w^{ch}: th[ey] cannot get reversed by all the application yet [made,] wherein they have allready expended considerable sums, but it is supposed 'twill cost them thirty thousand rupees to clear their business thô this doth not immediately effect ffort S^{t}: David or this place because we are not under the same circumstances as Pollicherry, which was taken by force by y^{e} [Dutch, but Fort St David was bought of the then Possessor, and our new Townes were granted by y^{e} Nabobs father the] grand Vizier [yet it concerns us to] consider it as an instance, [that the Moors will take] the first oppertunity of [getting as much money] as they can of us, unless the [Nabob and his officers] be contented wth the present [intended to be made] them, and the ffort S^{t}: David [generall doth advice] their fears of Jeloll Cawns entring [into theire bounds,] besides we are certainly informed [that information] have been given the Nabob of the [great sumes] of money raised yearly here by the severall [farmes] which doubtless is magnified, and we have sent him no Present, (but in return of his,) for three years past, and yet he has been upon all occasions ready to grant our request, wee allso depend upon his favour in obtaining the Phirmaund, and thinke it necessary to endeavour a grant of the Town of Ipere, which lyes intermixt in y^{e}: middle of our new Towns, and is the troublesome place for receiving the Nabobs Junkan, and to rent y^{e} Junkans round about Madrass if it can be obtained for a reasonable rent for a year or two, as well to remove the Junkan places, as to reduce the custome to Sallabad.

Upon the foregoeing considerations it is resolved that the Present be encreased to 1000 Pag^{s}: in [rarities, Pago^{ds} 1000 in Auremzeb Pago^{ds} of this mint and 2000 rupees] of this mint to the Nabob and about [seven or] Eight hundred Pag^{s}: among the Principal [officers] of the Army and Durbar, according to a list [to be] further agreed.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his acco^{t}: for the month of April last particulars Viz^{t}.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{s}:	1213:	3
Charges Generall	,,	409:	1
Charges Diett	,,	279:	13
Charges Merchandize	,,	16:	22
Charges Cattle	,,	26:	10
Yegmore &c^{a}: new Towns	,,	...:	18
West Coast	,,	798:	34
Fortifications and repairs	,,	256:	2
Acco^{t}: Presents	,,	2:	21
Vizagapatam ffactory	,,	15:	8
Fort S^{t}: David	,,	6:	18
	Pag^{s}:	3024:	6

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After much contest with the Bishopp of S^{t}: Thoma he having declared his consent (because he could not help it) for Padre Gulielmo Devalle his proceeding to Cuddalore, the Padre (that difficulty being removed) is ready to go, It is therefore ordered that a Licence be granted him as follows after this Consultation.

Ordered that Narrian and the Persia [Mulla] go with the present to the Camp, and that [the] Paymaster provide all things necessary [for carriage] and traviling to be ready for setting out on [Saturday next,] [that six souldiers Europeans, and six Topasses] and twenty [Peons go for a] guard to be all returned from Wandewas [on arrivall there] unlesse there shall appear [reason for detaining] halfe of them longer.

The Madrass Town rent being [due y^{e}: end of this] month, It is ordered that the same [being Pago^{ds} 1200] be sent by Narraine &c^{a}: to the Nabob [it being] convenient to have his own receipt [which will] be a more effectuall discharge for all [y^{e}: time] past, then those received from his officers.

Ordered that Pag^{s} 2: 16 be paid to M^{r}: Bark[ham] Dean being so much due to him for Salary from the 25th: March till the 15th: May the time of his quitting the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companeys: Service.

Ordered that all the goods not damaged be [rated] in the acco^{t}: of remains at the Invoice price, and Damaged goods in proportion to the damage.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Wee the President and Councill of Fort S^{t}: George [and Citty of Madrass for acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Company, do hereby for ourselves and successors give and grant unto the Reverend Padre Gulielmo Avalle Licence to officiate as a Preist of the order of the Theatines in the Church erected in Cuddalore for the use of Roman Catholicks and within the bounds of Fort S^{t}: David, Provided that in Temporall matters he faithfully obey y^{e}: English Government there, aiding and assisting the worp^{ll}: Deputy and Councill for the time being in Peace and warr as occasion shall require, [neither] shall he maintaine any correspondence by lres or otherwise to the prejudice of the Government nor shall he endeavour to draw y^{e} Protestant souldiers or Inhabitants unto the Romish Religion, Nor shall he marry, Christen or Bury any of them without leave from the Deputy Gov^{r}: and once a year deliver a list of all Roman Catholicks, men, women and children wth:in the bounds of Fort S^{t}: David and further we appoint and order that no other Preist religious or secular besides the said Gulielmo Avalle do performe any religious office wth:out the expresse leave of the Deputy Govern^{r}: and that the said Gulielmo Avalle, do not publish or cause, or permit to be published either [by reading] affixing on the Doors [of y^{e} Church] or otherwise writing from any decree, order, [lett^{r} of y^{e}] Bishop of Mileapore, [or any other pretending] Episcopall or spiritual [jurisdiction] without express leave from the [Deputy Gov^{r}: and] further that this Liecence is [valid only during pleasure,] given under our hands and [y^{e} R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{s}] seal in Fort S^{t} George this third [day of June] anno Domini one thousand six hundred ninety five.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Received a Generall Letter from ffort St David dated the primo Instant, 4 enclosed came two letters rec^{d}: by the Deputy Governour from M^{r}: Samuel Williams from Pollicherry adviseing the continuance of y^{e}: differences wth: the Moors allso a

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Generall Letter from Govern^{r}: Pitt &c^{a}: from Negapatam dated the [*lacuna in the original.*]

6 Shipp Armenian Merchant fired a gun to give notice of her being full Laden.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY 7. THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that the Attorney Generalldodemand [off M^{r}: Jeremiah Peachy the Sume of 8202^{ru}: 3^{an} : and in case of non-payment] enter an action against him in the Court of Admiralty in behalfe of the R^{t} : Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company of Yesterdays date from Paragraph the first to y^{e}: 29th : read and approved.

Ordered that M^{r}: Thomas Wright do on Monday next go on board shipp Armenian Merchant and muster the shipps Company.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY 8 EVENING.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESID^{T} : & GOV^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Instructions to the Dubash and Mulla goeing to Nabob Zulphaker Cawns Camp, Two Letters to y^{e}: [Nabob] one to Wottomchund, and one to Daud Cawn [&c^{a}:] Principal officers of the army, read and approved.

Upon further considerations of the farmeing the Junckan round about Madrass it appeareing [that there will follow so many ill consequences upon it, It is agreed] to be left out of the [Instructions,] and in y^{e} roome thereof desire the Nabobs Perwannas [to y^{e} Junkanneers for] proceeding according to Sal[labad. Copy of] said instructions are ordered to be entered [after this] Consultation.

Ordered that the Attorney Generall [doe take M^{r}] Jeremiah Peachies own [recognisance] for appeal to the action entred against him [in y^{e} Court of] Admiralty in behalfe of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Instructions given by the President & Councill to Kittee Narrain Dated the 5th: June 1695.

When you arrive in Nabob Zulphaker Cawns Camp, deliver our Presents to him according to list publickly, and seven thousand rupees, privately as oppertunity offers. You are to desire him to procure the Phirmaund which he and his father the Grand Vissier has of a long time given their promises to procure according to Sallabad [and according] to those articles w^{ch} Emaun Cooley promised, so that the R^{t} : Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a} : affairs [may] be carried on without molestation [throughout] the Vizapore and Golcondah Dominions [and] desire him to write a letter to his father to [procure] it, and that he would [*deliver you the Letter [. . .] we may send, and that he could*] likewise [give] and grant the Town of Vipere

* Not in I. O. copy.

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1695* ——— [8TH]

to the use of [the] m̃oschete which was built by the Rt: Honble: Compa: in Chinnapatnam, and we would have [you] likewise endeavour the procurey of a Perwanna from the Nabob for our free and unmolested trade in the Kingdoms of Golcondah & Vizapore, Besides the Presents which you are to make to the Nabob, we would have you distribute the remaining to such of the Kings officers as may be assisting and usefull to us, allso solicit the Nabob to grant us a Perwanna that no one shall pretend any mangevele money in any of our villages granted to us, as Muddanante Pontolo now do's, pretending ye Nabobs order. You must allso obtain such an order as may prohibit the Junkanneers for the time being to bring up any new Customs Contrary to the old sallabad, that may be to the detriment of the Rt: Honble: Company, and our Town Inhabitants Enquire Privately into ye business of Pollicherry & [learn what] is the reason that the Nabob [has ordered Jeloll Cawn] to take away those [towns the Dutch bought of] Ram Raja and whether it is [likely that the Nabob] will order to act in the same [manner att] Tevenepatam, and use your utmost [endeavours] to prevent it, Mr Hatsell is ordered [to write to] you as occasion requires, and [you must] take notice of what he writes and [act accordingly].

You carry with you twelve hundred [Pagodoes] the rent of Madrasse ending the last of [this] month, which you are to pay to the Nabob himselfe, and get his own receipt.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

Received a Generall Letter from Capt: Thoms: Oyles Commander of shipp Mary, dated the 3d: Inst: adviseing his arriveall at ffort St: David the 2d: Instant.

Shipp Wellfare and Sampedo sailed for Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 11TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT &CA:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JON: STYLEMAN
MR: THOS: WRIGHT MR: ED: TREDCROFT.

[The President read his account of the Right Honorable Companies Cash for the Month of May last the ballance being Pagodoes 15528: 8: 4:

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster reports ye: muster of shipp Armenian Merchant Company to be 50 men.

Ordered that Pagods: 1000 be paid Mr: Thos: Wright Paymaster for defrayeing charges of Garrison.

The Presidt: payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 284: 17: for wch: it is ordered that bills be given him att 9 per Pagoda payable to Susanna a Spencer widdow, being soe much due to her from ye: Estate of Jon: Cheney deceased.

Capt: Thomas Newnam Comander of shipp Armenian Merchant haveing sent us a lettr: dated this day (as entered after this Consultation). It is ordered that ye: following answer be sent to him vizt:

Wee have received your letter wherein you desire us to supply you with 800 Pagods: for ye: use of yr: shipp but haveing already supplyed you with 500 Dollars the sum̃e limitted in Charter-party wee have noe orders, nor is it in our power to lend you any more on ye: Comps: accot:, as we adviced you ye: 18th: May last.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1695*——

[11TH] The reasons of our answer are y^e: urgency of y^e: necessity nor y^e: security he offers of y^e shipps demorage, neither doe nor can appear to us, nor is there any orders from the R^t: Hon^ble: Company, or permission by Charter Party or lett^rs:, nor any Presid^t: for supplyeing shipps in India above Charterparty Provision, and if wee supply one shipp wee must supply (by y^e: same reason) all shipps that [are] under y^e: like circumstances.

M^r: Trenchfield &c^a: Freight^rs: of ship Armenian Merchant payes into y^e: R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pago^ds: 6: 1: being y^e: ballance of y^e: acco^t: due from them after y^e: allowance is made them of Pago^ds: 263: 34: by Judgement of Court dated y^e: 8^th: Instant for 15 Tons short of Charter party Tonnage.

Ordered that y^e Owners of ship Armenian Merchant be debted in y^e: generall Bookes ending Apprill last, for y^e: said sume of 263: 34: and y^t: the orders of Court, and M^r: Alvarez De Fonseca's and M^r: Affleckes paper be sent home to y^e: R^t: Hon^ble: Company.

M^r: Henrey Pullein haveing requested that he might goe home upon ship Martha and Cap^t: Raynes declareing that he is acquainted with his relations, and hath promised if wee will trust him w^th: M^r: Pullein, he will carry him home. It is resolved y^t: notwithstanding our former order for his goeing by shipp Armenian Merchant, he be permitted to goe by shipp Martha.

Ordered that y^e: Warehouskeep^r: do deliver to Narrain &c^a: 3500 Rupees instead of 1000 Pago^ds: Auremzeb part of y^e: present appointed the 3^d: Instant to be sent the Nabob.

The generall lett^r: from Fort St. David dated y^e: 8 Instant adviseing y^t: the Moors continue to stop all provisions from goeing into Pollicherry, and that they had sent a part up into y^e: bounds of Tevenepatam, but being opposed by our souldiers there, retreated, but threatned to increase theire forces and returne.

Generall lett^r: to Fort St. David of this date read, directing them to send theire advises to y^e: Camp to meet y^e: cheif Dubash and Mulla who sett out tomorrow.

NATH^LL: HIGGINSON.
W^M: FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^S: WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

TO THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: & GOV^R: &C^A: COUNCILL.

Hon^ble: &c^a: S^rs:

I once delivered a lett^r: to you requireing you would please to supply me with some money for y^e: use and support of shipp Armenian Merchant & received an answer that y^r: Hon^r: &c^a: had no order from England, w^th: which I remained contented and have done what in me lyes to supply her myself, but find I want above 800 Pag^s: w^ch: if you please to let me have, I will give for security of y^e: said &c^a: obligation as you shall thinke fitt please to resolve soe soon as conveniency permitt and believe that I realey am

Hon^ble: &c^a: S^rs:
Your most humble servant
THOMAS NEWNAM.

Madras 11^th: of June 1695.

WEDNESDAY 12TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: PRESID^T: &C^A:
M^R: W^M: FRAZER M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R: THO^S: WRIGHT M^R: ED: TREDCROFT.

The President payes into y^e: R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pago^ds: 220: 26: 3: on acco^t: of gould coyned in y^e: Mint.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1695*—— [12TH]

The Arrack Farm^{rs}: payes into y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pago^{ds}: 166: 24: on that acco^{t}:

Two Mauldars who arrived this Evening from Chingee brought lettrs] from the two Principal officers desireing us to lend them 1,00,000 Pagoda and twelve Gunners, at present it is ordered y^{t} they stay two or three days before an answer is given them, till the Present is gone to y^{e}: Nabob.

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated the 6th Instant from Paragraph the 29th: to y^{e}: 35th read.

The Paper delivered by M^{r}: ffraser the 15th: May having been formerly perused by each of the Councill, and now publickly read, The Presid^{t}: doth produce his answer thereunto, directed to y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated the 30th: May which was read, and it is resolved not convenient to enter these papers in the Consultation booke, but they be sent home to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

13. Allingall one [of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}:] Comp^{s}: Cheif [Merchants] who dyed last night was burned this morning and had y^{e}: usuall solemnity of six Guns.

Delivered Passes to shipp London and y^{e}: ships company.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 13TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The remaining part of the Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company from Paragraph 35 [to 44 read] and signed.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

This Evening Narrian &^{ca}: set out for the Nabobs camp.

14. This afternoone M^{r}: Cawley advised y^{e}: President that he had received a letter from John Ware Master of Briggantine Speedwell (who came from Acheen but was fall'n to the Northward of this place) wherein he advised him that ship Pearle was arrived at Acheen, upon which the Presid^{t}: imediately wrote a letter to John Ware desireing him [to advice] of what he knew or heard at Acheen [concerning] said shipp and the persons that [went to Tonqueen upon her ?].

15. Shipp Connimeer Merchant sailed for Bengall and Shipp Thankfull Charles Perrin Master.

Delivered Cap^{t}: Newnam Comander of shipp Armenian Merchant his dispatch for England wth: a Pacquett directed to y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company.

16. This morning the Presid^{t}: received a letter from John Ware in answer to his of the 14th: informing y^{t}: the Pearle was at Acheen, but by a surveigh of severall masters Judged unfitt to go to sea, and that they had Landed all the goods out of her and that M^{r}: Keeling, Cap^{t}: Howell and M^{r}: ffarmer was there.

Shipp London Richard Williams Master sailed for Bengall.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1695——

MONDAY 17.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : PRESIDENT & GOVERNR :
MR : WILLIAM FRASER MR : JOHN STYLEMAN
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr : William ffraser warehousekeeper pays into the Rt : Honble : Companyes Cash Pags : 4,000 on account of silver and goods sold, and Mr : Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer Pags : 2,800 on acct : Sea Customs.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

TUESDAY 18.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : PRESIDENT & GOVERNR :
MR : WILLIAM FRASER MR : JOHN STYLEMAN
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Judge produceing the draught of an obligation which in persuance of the Consultation of the third of May 1694 he demanded of Capt : Newnam Comander of Shipp Armenian Merchant to signe for ye : delivery of Samuel Huxtable in England, in order to his prosecution for the crime he hath been [charged] with, It is resolved that an order in the nature of a Protest be drawn and signed, and that the [said] Samuel Huxtable be this day carried aboard the Shipp Armenian Merchant by the Marshall and delivered to the Commander with the said order, coppy whereof follows after this Consultation.

Allso an order signed to the Commander for receiving Thomas Walton aboard his shipp as a Passenger on Charterparty acct.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

TO CAPT : THOMAS NEWNAM COMMANDR :
OF SHIPP ARMENIAN MERCHANT.

Whereas you have refused to enter into recognizance as usuall in like cases, for the safe delivery of the body of Samuel Huxtable in England, and for prosecuting him according to Law for the Crime of Buggerry, whereof he hath been accused. We the President and Councill of Fort St : George for the Honble : English East India Company do hereby declare you answerable for such your refuseall, and to the end that the said Samuel Huxtable may be brought to his due triall, We do hereby order you to receive him aboard your shipp, and do declare you answerable for the safe keeping, and delivery of him in England unto one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace with due informations of the crime he is accused of, or to such others as can legally bring him to a triall. Dated in ffort St : George this 18th : June 1695.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS : WRIGHT.
EDWD : TREDCROFT.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1695*—— [18TH]

To CAPT: THOMAS NEWNAM COMMANDR:
OF SHIPP ARMENIAN MERCHANT.

Receive [on board] Shipp Armenian Merchant Mr: [Thomas Walton one] of the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants as a Passenger for England allowing him the use of the great Cabbin and the shipps ordinary [diet] according to the Provision made in Charterparty, which reserves a liberty for sending [two] persons upon your shipp [out] or home without any allowance to be made to the owners for the same, Dated in Fort St: George this 18th: day of June 1695.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David no date, allso a Generall Letter from Capt: Oyles dated the 14th: Instant, wth: Translate of Jeloll Cawns [lettr:] to the Deputy Governr: and copy of his answer thereunto. 18.

This morning Shipp Armenian Merchant sailed for England. 19.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 20.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The President pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: [78] being for the Permission of [passage of] Barkham Deane, Thomas Gray and [John Haynes] on shipp Armenian Merchant for England.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid Mr: Daniel Chardin being for one bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill at ffort St: David dated the 15th: Instant.

Mr: Edmund Mountague Provll: Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 421 on that accot: and read his accot: of Land Customs for the months of April and May last particulars Vizt.

APRIL.—Choultrey Custome	Pags	126 : 18 : 62
Triblecane Custome	„	... : 27 : 55
Rubie Broakers	„	12 : 23 : 56
Cloth Broakers	„	16 : 12 : 23
Registring of Slaves	„	16 : 8 : ...
Fines	„	330 : ... : ...
Yegmore &ca: New Towns	„	200 : ... : ...
	Pags	702 : 18 : 46
MAY.—Choultrey Custome	Pags	235 : 31 : [22]
Triblecane Custome	„	... : [6 : 65]
RubieBroakers	„	160 : 21 : 60
Cloth Broakers	„	23 : 13 : 43
Fines	„	1 : ... : ...
Yegmore &ca: New Towns	„	100 : ... : ...
	Pags	521 : [1 : 30]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1695*——

[20TH] Mr: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer read his accot: of Sea Customs for the month of May last particulars: Vizt.

To Custome Imported and Exported this month	Pags	2165: [27 : 3]
Ditto on Graine	„	943: [31 : 5]
Anchorage	„	47: [... : ...]
[To accot: freight on] shipp Princess as ℔ Entries 334 and [394]		236: 4 : 5
	Pags	3392: [28 : 1]

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accot: of Passes for the month of May, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: two on that accot:

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do send five cask of Bengall Porke to ffort St: David upon the first countrey shipp or boat that goes thither.

Generall Letters to ffort St: David to the Deputy Governour and Councill, and another to Mr: Hatsell, one to the Cheif and Councill of Callicut, and one to the Agent and Councill of Bengall [of this dayes] date were read.

Being advised by two Letters received from John Ware Master of a small vessell bound for this Port from Acheen, but fal'n to the northward, [that] the Shipp Pearle is arrived at Acheen from Tonqueen, and that Mr: Watts continues in Tonqueen, but Mr: Keeling, Mr: ffarmer and Capt: Howell came in the shipp and have brought a Cargo upon her, but upon surviegh the shipp proveing defective and not able to proceed hither, they have Landed ye: Cargo at Acheen. It is considered that Mr: Watts staying in Tonqueen and Mr: Keeling comeing [is a signe] that the reports we have heard of the [Kings seizeing] the factory and ship are not [true, or if] they met wth: any trouble it is composed.

That the Rt: Honble: Company in their Severall Letters make mention of a great Estate in Tonqueen and Mr: Watts &ca: having possitive orders to send all hither, It is probable the Cargo by the Pearle is of considerable [value] thô we do not know what it is.

That Mr: ffarmer &ca: at Acheen will be at a losse for want of orders whether to keep the goods there or send them over by Countrey vessells on freight.

That it is necessary that those goods with the Tonqueen advices go home to the Rt: Honble: Company by the next shipp. It follows therefore that the most probable and most expeditious course be taken for fetching the goods, men, and Letters hither.

That there is no countrey vessell to be hired fit for this voyage. Upon the whole, It is resolved that ship Mary be sent thither so soon as she comes from ffort St: David, and upon her returne from Acheen be dispatched Laden for England in September or October if she shall arrive so soone and whereas it was before intended to send ye: Mary to Vizagapatam to fetch those bales, It is ordered yt: the Martha touch there and deliver the treasure, and if the Cheif &ca: shall not thinke it safe to keep the bales in the factory, that they Lade them on the Martha for Bengall, But if the [Martha] does not take them in the[n] that the most probable means [be used] for [fetching] their bales hither by hired ships so soone as the monsoon will permitt.

And that we may be the better secured of a sufficient number of bales for the Mary (and the Amity, if she should returne from ye: West Coast), the Deputy Governr: and Councill of ffort St: David are in our next Generall Letter to be ordered to gett ready as many Bales as they [can] by September and send them hither as oppertunity offers.

Upon the question whether to send a ship now to Tonqueen, It is considered that we have [noe lettr:] to direct us in giveing any orders or advices, [and if] we had, it is the common opinion that [it is too late] to venture a shipp from hence and there[fore] resolved not to send any shipp now to Tonqueen.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1695*—— [20TH]

Ordered that the warehousekeep^{r}: do as [soone as] possible finish the unlading and give an acc^{t}: of y^{e}: Cargo received by the Martha from Bengall continueing only one halfe of the Lead, and [that as] soon as finished the shipp to be dispatched for [Bengall].

Ordered that a Commission be drawn [appointing] M^{r}: Zouch Troughton Lievetenant of y^{e}: [Garrison] at ffort S^{t}: David, he quitting his Station [in y^{e}:] Councill [dureing] that employment, and [M^{r}: Trevor Games] to be of councill there. [Shipp] Sarah [arriveing] this morning [from Bata]via and producing to us the copy of an agreement between the owners of said ship and the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Company, It is agreed that a Paper be sign'd and sent to them copy whereof follows after this Consultation.

Ordered that the Secretary do affix a bill on the sea gate giveing notice that shipp Mary as soon as she arrives here from ffort S^{t}: David, will be dispatched hence in ten days to the Port of Acheen, to which place all persons are free to Lade on-said shipp on the usual rates of freight.

William Ryder Inhabitant of this place and Pilot of a Moors shipp, having privately entertained in his house Senhor Paulus Brochabond Cap^{t}: of a shipp belonging to the King of Siam at Pollicat, who came hither without leave on Saturday the primo Instant, who being sent for and examined in Councill was thereupon dismissed, but the said Ryder for holding private correspondence with strangers and saucy language was committed to y^{e}: custody of the Marshall, but upon his Petition for his Liberty. It is ordered that he be releas'd upon giveing his own bond to the satisfaction of the Judge not to serve any foreigne nation without leave.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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To M^{r}: RICHARD GOUGH
SUPRA CARGO OF SHIP SARAH.

You being arrived this day and delivered to us a copy of an agreement between the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company and the owners of said Shipp relating to a permissive voyage to China, we have perused and give[n] credit thereunto, and desire you to Let us know in writeing what is the occasion of your comeing hither, and wherein you expect our assistance, which we shall [readley] give you in all things within our power being.

Your affect: freinds.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOM^{s}: WRIGHT.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

Fort S^{t}: George,
20th: June 1695.

This evening M^{r}: Gough returnd the following answer to the foregoing Paper. 20.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON:
&C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Having received from your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill a Letter signifying that you desire to know the occasion of my comeing, which is thus. I haveing been in China and meeting wth: disappointments [there] by the [Roguery and] baseness of y^{e}: [Goverm^{t}:] who forced improper goods upon me that I have not been able to invest my stocke for Europe, [as was] intended, wherefore. I am under

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a necessity of goeing to Bengall to invest it there upon the Companyes Indulgence and desire your assistance therein w^ch^: is [all] I have to crave being.

Yo^r^: most hum^ble^: Servant
RICHARD GOUGH.

Fort S^t^: George
20^th^: June 1695.

20. Received a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 2^d^: Instant w^th^: copies of their Diary & Consultations from the 10^th^: December 1694 to the Ult^o^: February 169$\frac{4}{5}$.

To M^R^: RICHARD GOUGH
SUPRA CARGO OF SHIP SARAH.

Last night we received your answer to ours dated yesterday, and observing that you therein declare the reasons of your comeing here to be, a disappointment in your trade in China, and that you designe to go to Bengall to lade for England, and desire our assistance therein, which we are ready to give you to the utmost of our power, but that we may the better understand how far we can comply w^th^: your designe. We desire you to consider w^th^: us. That your shipp comes to India by a permission from the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: limitted by articles of agreement between them and y^e^: owners in the copy whereof produced by you, we find you are in Generall indulged [all y^e^] Instant and future Permissive priviledges, and particularly have liberty of goeing too, and Lading your shipp from Bengall. But by the last Article or Memor^dm^: is particularly and strictly provided that those Priviledges are granted upon the supposition of a disappointment in your Passage to China, [but there] is no Provision made for a disappointment in Tradeing or Lading there and the litterall [meaning] seems to be that if your Shipp gained her Passage to China, you are not allowed the Priviledge of Bengall.

But if you can give any reasons why y^e^: Priviledges of Bengall should be allowed after having gained your Passage to China [wee are] very willing to receive and consider them being.

Yo^r^: affection^t^: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDW^D^: TREDCROFT.

Fort S^t^: George
21^st^: June 1695.

22 Briggantine Acheen Merchant Rob^t^: Masfenn Master sailed for Bengall, by said shipp sent a Generall Letter to the Agent &c^a^: dated y^e^: 20^th^: Inst: Incloseing Invoice of Ship Success from England.

MONDAY 24. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOVERN^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do provide & Lade [aboard] the Martha for Vizagapatam the following particulars besides what ordered before Viz^t^:

Rosewater	...	Chest 1
Reasons	...	Maund 5
Kishmisses	...	Do. 5
Almonds	...	Do. 2
Shirash	...	Chest 1
Flintware Sev^ll^: sorts	...	Pieces 6
Crimson	...	Do. 1
Aurora	...	Do. 1
Broad cloth ordinary	...	Do. 1
Perpetuanoes ordinary	...	Do. 2
Perpetuanoes fine	...	Do. 2

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1695*—— [24TH]

Allso that the rupees coined in our Mint be all Laden on the Martha for Bengall, and two Brass guns w^th^ : Carriages, and the China clockeworke.

Ordered that the Paymaster do advance two hundred Pag^s^ : to the Brickmakers.

Generall Letters to the Agent and Councill of Bengall, and Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam both dated this day read and approved.

M^r^ : Joseph Lister having requested to be cleared from the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : Service, and being very importunate by frequent papers, the purport whereof is, that he has an offer of other more advantagious employment, and for a considera-[ble] time past, having avoided, neglected and refused the business appointed him, and there being no reason to thinke that he will be any [way] serviseable thô capable, It is resolved that his request be granted, and that from this time [his] salary &c^a^ : allowances [cease].

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

To THE HON^BLE^ : NATH^LL^ : HIGGINSON &C^A^ : COUNCILL.

The papers your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : deliver'd me [last] night I have thoroughly considered off and returne this following answer, That whereas by y^e^ : agreement w^th^ : the Hon^ble^ : Company, we were obliged to proceed to China, and to have no benefit of their Indulgence in case we fetch'd China the Monsoon following the date of the Contract, as is more fully expressed therein, wherefore not saveing our passage [thither] accordingly it cuts of the force of that clause and thereby makes it void, so that we are [intitled] to all the benifits of the Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : indulgences of the largest extent possible, by virtue of w^ch^ : I crave your Hon^r^ : & Councills assistance [in our] negotiations in Bengall, and that you [would] permit us to ship part of our Tea on the Mary or any the first ship bound home, for I am apprehensive it may [take] damage by lying so long aboard in that moist Countrey Bengall, this can be no disservice to the Hon^ble^ : Company but for their interest, It's a thing I doe depend upon, in virtue of the Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : indulgences to be granted, by which I am obliged to take my measures, so I hope your Hon^r^ : & Councill will not deny it I am

Yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : &c^as^ :
Most hum^ble^ : Serv^t^ :
RICHARD GOUGH.

Fort S^t^ : George
22^d^ : June 1695.

Shipp Aliphante belonging to the Danes Sailed for Tringombar.

To M^r^ : RICHARD GOUGH
SUPRA CARGO OF SHIPP SARAH.

To y^rs^ : of y^e^ : 22^d^ : Instant rec^d^ : y^e^ : 24^th^ : giveing reasons for your proceeding to Bengall, and y^r^ : Ladeing Tea on y^e^ : first shipp bound home, Wee answer y^t^ : wee are satisfied in y^r^ : proceeding to Bengall, and shall readiley assist in y^r^ : negotiations there, but there being none of y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : shipps remaining in India on which wee had power to lade goods on y^e^ : late termes of permission, wee cannot permit y^r^ : Tea (or other goods) to be laden on the Mary or any other shipp belonging to y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : as you desire, wee are

Y^r^ : Affectioned Friends
NATH^LL^ : HIGGINSON.
W^M^ : FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

Fort S^t^. George,
25^th^ June 1695.

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[25TH] 25. Ship Nos Senhora de Bom Viago [sailed out of this] road for Annore.

To THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON &CA: COUNCILL.

Being denied Loading my Tea by [yr: Honr: &ca:] Councills letter dated the 25th: Instant [I now make] it my request that I may [land it here without payeing] Custome, for my intention is not [to sell any] whereas this liberty was granted [me by the] James for goods outward [bound and] hath been made use off and allowed to [others since] I hope your Honr: &ca: Councill will [thinke it] reasonable to allow it me under the losses [and disappointments] I have met wth: and I do hereby [oblidge if the] Honble: Company in England [require payment of it] that it shall bee made good to them there. I am verry desireous to goe hence in company wth: the Martha, and begg yr: Honr: &ca: Councill will write to ye: Agent and Council in Bengall in my favor, and yt: I may be supplyed wth: 12,000 Rupees there if I want it, wch: shall be repaid here at what reasonable rates yr: Honr: &ca: Councill shall thinke fitt, I am

Yr: Honr: &ca: Councills
Most humble Servant
RICHARD GOUGH.

Fort St. George,
26th June 1695.

To MR: RICHARD GOUGH
SUPRA CARGO OF SHIPP SARAH.

In answer to yrs: dated ye: 26 desireing the liberty of landing yr: Tea without payeing custome And supplyeing you in Bengall wth: twelve thousand rupees if you shall have occasion for it.

To the first we find the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders is very possitive that all goods landed shall pay Custome and therefore we cannot dispence with it, unless you can produce to us their grant for your exemption in this Voyage, as you did in the Voyage by the James, but on the contrary [your] agreement wth: ym: provides that you pay as others pay or ought to pay.

To the second, we cannot draw so large a sume from the stocke of Bengall as twelve thousand rupees, but if you have occasion for any sume not exceeding six thousand rupees, Currant rupees of Bengall, we will give you Bills on ye: Agent and Councill for the same, you paying first into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash here the value, at the rate of rupees 345: for 100 Pags: the lowest price Currt: we are,

Yors: affectiont: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

Fort St: George
27th: June 1695.

THURSDAY 27TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Domingo Cruze offering about 120 Candy of Malabarr Pepper at Pags: 23⅝ ℔ Candy. It is agreed that the same be bought, and the warehousekeeper is ordered to receive and weigh the same.

Ordered that Simon Evans and [ffrancis] Madrass be entred in the gun room crew.

An answer to Mr: Gough's Paper dated the 26th: Instant, of this date read and signed.

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Wallachy Chittee &c^{a}: Beetle and Tobacco ffarmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 516: 24 fanams on that acco^{t}.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper read his warehouse acco^{t}: for the month of May and his storekeepers acco^{ts}: for the months of April and May last.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges garrison.

The Papers received from Bengall relateing to M^{r}: Bowridges Radnagur Investment, having been read and perused, and M^{r}: Bowridge discoursed and examined thereupon. The result is that he doth persist in justifying his acco^{t}: to be true, and that he has not therein entred more then really paid. The proofs against him are a paper attested by White [and] Teshmaker to be copy of a translate of an acco^{t}: of M^{r}: Bowridges Radnagur Investment, said to be drawn up by Agent Charnocke but there is no translate nor the original acco^{t}: signed or attested, and therefore that copy cannot pass as evidence in a Court unless further proved, and the only proofs thereof is acco^{ts}: given in by severall Delolls of the cost of those goods bought by M^{r}: Bowridge amount in the whole to rupees 27896 w^{ch}: acco^{ts}: are said to be signed before and by the Cozee. But there is allso coppy of a translate of an attestation made by one Colla Summuna, declaring that by Agent Charnocks perswasion and order he did procure the declaration of four Delolls right or wrong concerning goods to the amount of Rupees 18086: 13 an^{s}: the copies of whose original acco^{ts}: are said to be extant, but the original accounts of four other Delolls amount to rupees 9587 are wanting, so that the declaration of Colla Summana if true, do's destroy the evidence of the said four Delolls whose acco^{ts}: amount to rupees 18086: 13 an^{s}: and it do's appear that this fellow was bribed by fair promises either by Agent Charnocke, or by M^{r}: Bowridge to clear himselfe, which ought to be further inquired.

Allso the original Journal or day acco^{ts}: out of w^{ch}: M^{r}: Bowridge framed his generall acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Inv^{t}: they having been demanded of him, he doth alledge that they being of no use after the acco^{t}: was framed he tooke no further care of them, and that they are lost, the want of which giveing cause to suspect they have been purposely made away to take of that suspition there is produced an attestation of M^{r} Edward Cormell, now [of Councill] in Bengall, and was then by the Agents [permission] wth: M^{r}: Bowridge at Radnagur. The purport [where]of is that he frequently saw M^{r}: Bowridge [enter] the parcells of goods as bought of the weavors in an acco^{t}: and when the Invoice of the whole was drawn up, he did at M^{r} Bowridges desire, call up the number of pieces and the sums of money according to which the Invoice was perfected without any material difference, w^{ch}: attestation of M^{r}: Cormells unless he equivocates in y^{e}: word (material difference) seems to prove (if his evidence be sufficient) that the Invoice was made according to those original acco^{ts}: which are required to be produced, and which is the greatest use can be made of them if they were produced, and as to the rupees 2250 due from Barne, a Bannian for Toothenague trusted him by M^{r}: Bowridge, he do's alledge that he delivered up the man to Agent Charnock, wth: his bill, and it do's appear that he was with the Agent and therefore very doubtfull whether he can be chargeable with the Debt, because he was (notwithstanding [a] dark post order of caution) ordered by the Agent and Councill to trust the Delolls of that countrey and no others.

Upon the whole there do's not app^{r}: sufficient ground for entring an action, by all that has been yet before us, for want of such proofe [as] is necessary in a Court.

But there being now produced a paper containing the late Generalls examination of M^{r}: Bowridges business in September 1693 in Bengall. It is refer'd to next Consultation to consider further of this matter, in the mean time that each of the Councill do peruse the same.

The warehousekeep^{r}: &c^{a}: appointed to inspect Ten bales rec^{d}: by ship Martha containing M^{r}: Peachies cloth and the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: musters of Maulda, do

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report that after many dayes spent in examination of s[d]: bales w[th]: M[r]: Peachy, they cannot yet find the musters requisite but they are desired to make their report in writeing tomorrow.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Delivered a Printed Pass to Shipp Diamond [Henerey] Laurence master bound to Bengall and Persia.

27. Received a generall Letter from M[r]: Hatsell dated the 26[th]: Instant, adviseing they intended to dispatch the Mary the 29[th]. By the same Peons came a Letter
29. directed to Lievtenant ffrancis Seaton signed Robert Reay, intimating his disgust at M[r]: Troughtons being appointed Lievtenant of that Garrison, and desireing Lievten[t]: Seaton to use his utmost endeavours to prevent it, said letter tending to the stirring up of a [Faction] and mutiny in both Garrisons, a Generall Letter was imediately wrote to ffort S[t]: David. Ordering said Reay to be secured and sent hither.

30. Shipp Mary Captain Thomas Oyles Commander arrived from ffort S[t]: David, and brought a Generall Letter dated the 28[th]: Instant, encloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for thirty-nine bales and forty-two Candy of Pepper.

MONDAY ℔MO JULY 1695.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: PRESID[T]: & GOVERN[R]:
M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN
M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Arrac farmers pay into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Cash Pag[s]: 166: 24 fanams on that acco[t].

The warehousekeeper delivers in a paper being the report M[r]: Hiller gives of the condition and Leakeage of sixty four Butts of Shery wine which came upon the Martha from Bengall, being the person appointed to go aboard said ship, to view, guage and report their condition, which paper is ordered to be entred in the Storekeepers acco[t]: of the month of June, allso an acco[t]: of the Martha's Cargo from Bengall, with the difference between the Invoice and what received here.

The Mary being arrived last night from ffort S[t]: David, Her dispatch for Acheen was againe considered, and the President produces a letter received on the 29[th]: past via Batavia from M[r]: Richard Watts to himselfe, dated the 6[th]: December adviseing that the Pearle had been dispatch'd from Tonqueen, but in goeing out sprung a Leake and went backe for repaire, and doth occasionally make a generall mention severall times of the goods Laden upon the Ship, but doth not mention what they are, nor whether they belong to the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company, or only the returns of ffreighters adventures, But the orders given M[r]: Watts &c[a]: when they went from hence were to send as much of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Estate hither by the Pearle as they could, and thô we do not know what was in the factory, Yet by the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Letters it do's appear they expected there was a great Estate there, and therefore it is reasonable to conclude they may have sent a considerable stocke upon the Pearle, which being Landed at Acheen cannot safely ly there, being exposed [to] robbery and fire.

Allso M[r]: Watts letter makes mention of M[r]: Keeling, Howell, Blackmore and Warrens being of a faction, and if he found anything of that nature in Tonqueen, there is reason to doubt whether Keeling and Howell may not enter upon new designes and strike in w[th]: y[e]: Govern[r] and M[r]: Delton there.

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Resolved that the shipp proceed as [before] designed, and that Mr: Enoch Walsh go upon [her] and carry a Generall Letter to himselfe Mr: ffarmer, Capt: Oyles and Capt: Howell, and allso Private Instructions to Mr: Walsh and Capt: Oyles to [act] as occasion shall require.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper cause all the goods on board the Mary to be unladen wth: all expedition (continueing only the 42 Candy of Pepper) and to Lade 25 Tons of redwood the Charterparty proportion, and 2000 Baggs of Salt petre, the Charterparty provideing that all Salt petre Laden above the 16 ℔ Cent Kentilage, shall pay only twenty pound ℔ Ton freight. The redwood and salt petre to be weighed and sent off as fast as the Commander shall call for it to stow, which will make the ship saileable in her present Voyage, and will be so much towards her Ladeing for England.

Ordered that Mr Matthew Empson be Searcher, Mr: James Sowdon and Mr: Gulston Addison under Searchers at the Sea Custom house.

The Councill having perused the late Generall paper of examination of Mr: Bowridges Radnagur Investmt: (as was refer'd the last Consultation) It is observed that the principal matter which was by him observed against Mr: Bowridge, was the want of his originall day accompt or Journal of the buyings of goods at Radnagur, and yt: the attestation of Mr: Cormell do's so far answer it, that if a Credit can be given to his word, the said day accot: did agree with Mr: Bowridges Invoice, which was not known to the generall Mr: Cormell being not then in India.

Upon the whole it is our unanimous opinion, that what ground soever there may be to suspect Mr: Bowridge did not deal fairly in that Investmt: Yet there dos not appear at present to us sufficient ground for entring an action against him in the Court of Admiralty. It is therefore resolved that he proceed to Bengall to be employed as the Agent and Councill shall see cause.

Ordered that one hundred Pags: be paid to Mr: William Morrice on a bill drawn by the Deputy Govr: &ca: Councill of Fort St: David dated the 26th: past.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Shipp Diamond Henry Laurence master sailed for Bengall.

This Evening Mr: Zouch Troughton and Mr: Trevor Games set out for ffort St David, by whome sent a generall Letter to the Deputy Govr: &ca: of this date incloseing a Commission appointing Mr: Zouch Troughton Lievtenant of that garrison.

Deliverd Capt: Thoms: Raynes Commander of ship Martha his Dispatch for Vizagapatam & Bengall. 2.

Shipp Trivelecane sailed for Bengall.

Shipp Christianus Quintus, Christian van Als't Commander about 500 Tons, 160 men and 36 guns belonging to the Royall Danish Company, bound for Tringombar, but having overshot her Port came into this road, The Capt: informs that he left Denmarke in December last, but brings no news of any shipps belonging to the Rt: Honble: Company lately arrived in England, or come out for India. 3.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 4.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Cheif Armenians of the place cõmeing last night about Eight a clocke to the President, brought two Armenians with them, who they complained

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were wounded by the officers of the Junckan place beyond the River, and they appearing to be in a great Passion of makeing rash demands for satisfaction, the President desired them to defer the consideration of the matter till he met in Councill, and four of the cheif of them now comeing, they were ordered to draw out an acco^{t}: of all the circumstances & occasions of the quarrell in which the Armenians were wounded, and were acquainted that when we fully understand the truth, we would advise wth: them what course was most fit to be taken for their satisfaction.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 600 be paid M^{r}: Thom^{s}: Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft Sea Custom^{r}: pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 1500 on acco^{t}: Sea Customs.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

4. Shipp Martha Cap^{t}: Thomas Raynes Commander [sailed] for Vizagapatam and Bengall, by whom sent a generall Letter to the Cheif &c^{a}: at Vizagapatam and to the Agent and Councill of Bengall both dated the 24th: past.

Ship Sarah Cap^{t}: Marmaduke Raydon Commander sailed for Bengall, a generall Letter directed to the Agent and Councill was delivered to M^{r} Gough Supra Cargo, adviseing that ship Sarah was permitted to come to India by the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}:.

Shipp Noss Senhora de Rosaro sailed for Annore.

SATURDAY 6. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOVERN^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Translates of three Letters received from Narrain Since his Arriveall at the Camp being perused. It is resolved that an answer thereunto be sent as agreed, and entred after this Consultation.

Cojee Gregorie &c^{a}: Armenians having last night delivered the President a declaration in the Armenian Language, relating to Y^{e}: abuse offered to Amiger John by the Junkann^{rs}: wth: an attestation in Persian signed by about thirty Persians and Armenians, which they declared they designed to send to Hajee Mahomod Allee at the Camp to procure them satisfaction from the Nabob to which he gave them no answer, but only ordered the Braminy to cause the attestation to be translated, and the Declaration to be copied, wherein [it] is observed that the Armenians do not apply themselves to us for gaining satisfaction (as all Inhabitants ought to do in such cases) and it is thought best to let them take their own Course, and send Narrain the Coppyes of the Attestation and Declaration, that he may forward the [complaint] as occasion requires, without appearing to Publickly in a Quarrel whose success is doubtfull, being credibly informed that the Armenians whatever they pretend, were the first agressors and gave great provocation to the Duans officers.

M^{r}: Edward King having presented a Petition (as entred in the copy booke of Letters) that he will pay the money he owes the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: on condition he is admitted into their service. It is upon the question resolved that he be not re-admitted.

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Not knowing what occasion Mr: Walsh &ca: may have for Presents at Acheen, It is ordered yt: the following particulars be provided and sent and if there be no occasion to use them, that they be sold there Vizt:

Crimson	ps: 1
Aurora	ps: 1
Broad cloth ordinary green...	ps: 1
Perpetuanoes fine do.	ps: 1
Perpetuanoes ordinry: do.	ps: 1
Moorees fine	Corge 1
Bettellas fine	Do. 1
Gobars fine	Do. 1
Red Taffities	Do. 1
Silk Longees striped	Do. 1
Looking Glass Large	1
Flint ware	ps: 6
Rosewater	Chests: 2
Young slaves boys & girles	5 or 10

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

To Narrain at the Camp.

I received your three Lette rswrote after your arrivall at the Camp, by all which I perceive your great diligence in the Honble: Comps: business, and hope you will be able to overcome all difficulties and impediments by your Prudent mannagement. You are there upon the Place and see with your own Eyes, I am here at a distance and cannot understand how things are but as you tell me, if you find that the finishing of ye: business is hindred for want of a little more money, rather then loose all, you may promise somthing more when you see occasion [but you must] be as frugall as you can, we hope you will not have occasion to exceed five hundred Pags:, if you find they make extraordinary demands advise me.

Herewith I send you a copy of a declaration which the Armenians have delivered me concerning Amiger John and other Armenians being abused by the Junkanneers of Ipere, and the copy of an attestation signed by about thirty people, which attestation the Armenians have chose themselves to send to Ajee Mahomod Alle, rather then I should send it to you. I send you the copies that you may the better understand the business and know how to act in it as occasion shall require, to preserve the Priviledge of our town, which these Junkanneers will destroy unless they are prevented in time. Therefore I think you ought to forward the Armenians complaint but since they have chosen to make use of another friend, there is no reason for your appearing in it to Publickly, unless you find that you can certainly get the better of the Junkanneers and gain an advantage and security to our Priviledges and that the Junkannrs: cannot hinder our other business depending with the Nabob. I observe that you make no mention of the Phirmaund in all your Letters, that is the greatest concern of all, Dated in ffort St: George this 6th: July 1695.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.

Delivered a Pass to ship Sta: Rosa Augustin Hart Ownr. 6
Ship Christianus Quintus sailed for Tringombar. 7

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

MONDAY 8. Mr: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Hon: Comps: Cash: Pags: 2250 on that accot: [and] Lievtenant ffrancis Seaton Pags: 150 [being for] halfe a years rent due for the farme of [ye: Wine] Licence the ultimo June last.

Ordered that Thome de Rosairo be entred [as a] Souldier in this garrison for three years.

The long letter from Narraine recd: the 6th: Inst: being translated was perused, and an answer thereunto of this date was read and agreed.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeepr: pays into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1000 on accot: of goods sold.

Ordered that Pags: 500 be paid Mr: Thomas Wright Paymastr: for defraying charges garrison.

Mr: Thomas Wright read his Paymasters accot: for the month of May last ꝑticulars Vizt.

Charges Garrison	Pags	815 : 17 :	
Charges Merchandise	„	33 : 23 :	
Charges Generall	„	432 : 26 :	
Charges Cattle	„	18 : 29 :	
	„	1300 : 23 :	
Charges Diett	„	301 : 15 :	
Fortification and repairs	„	133 : 26 :	
Vizagapatam Factory	„	9 : 21 :	
Yegmore &ca: New Towns	„	—: 18 :	
	„	1745 : 31 :	

Edward Dutton who was entertained as a translatr: for fforreign Languages, having about ten days since gone away Privately to St: Thoma in company with a whore who escaped from Prison in the night, and wrote a letter to Mr: Wright desireing his favour in his returne, alledging that he went to St: Thoma only about business, but therewith came another Letter directed to a freind of his in Town desireing him to take care of the papers in his Escrutore, whereupon Mr: Wright wth: the Presidents directions answered him, that he was ordered to returne Immediately and caused his house to be sealed up, It is thereupon ordered that the Justices of the Choultrey do cause his papers to be examind, & what they thinke materiall produce to the President and Councill, and all the rest wth: his clothes &ca: to be sealed up and put in a godown, and the house delivered to the owner.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

8. Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated ye: 4th: Instant wth: the severall papers mentioned in ye: list.

Delivered a pass to Briggantine Speedwell bound on a trading Voyage.

9. Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to ffort St.: David of [this] Days date wth: copy of our Generall Letter dated primo Instant.

10. Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 6th: Instant.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 11.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The President read his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Compas: cash for the month of June the balance being Pags: 773: 28: 1.

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accots: of Passes for the month of June, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps Cash Pags 17: 12 on that accot.

Ordered that Pags: 64: 8 fanams be paid to Senhr: Alvaro da Fonsica being for one bill of Exchange Dated the 28th: June last, and Pags: 1000 to Senhr: Domingo de Coasta for one bill dated the 6th: Instant both drawn by the Deputy Govr: and Councill of ffort St: David.

The warehouskeeper reporting the weight of Pepper bought of Domingo de Cruze to be Candy 132: 4½ md: which at Pags 23: ⅝ amot to Pags: 3123: 28 fanms. The said Domingo de Cruze having agreed to take one hundred candy of Lead at Pags ten ℔ Candy in part of paymt. It is ordered that the warehouskeeper do deliver him the Lead, and the remainder being Pags 2123: 28 fanam be paid out of cash.

One of Nabob Zulphaker Cawns servants bringing a letter from the Nabob desireing a Passage for four or five of his servants to and from Bengall, whither he sends them upon his particular service. It is ordered that Mr Wright desire the late President Yales ℔mission for their passage on Ship George and the Nabobs servant who brought the letter, have three yards of ordinary Broad cloth and three Rupees given him that he may report our kindness to the Nabob, whi[le] Narrian is there, and is agreeable to the Custom of the Countrey, the Nabob having given a Tasherife to every one of our servants and souldiers that went to the Camp.

Ordered that John Curroon be entertained [Trans]later of fforreign Languages at Pags five ℔ mensem who formerly served in that employment and quitted to make a voyage to Manilha, but having met with losses in his trade desires to be re-admitted.

Ordered that Parra be Dubash at the Sea gate in the roome of Derrla.

Mr: ffraser produceing severall musters of Paintings for Europe, It is ordered that he proceed in making Paintings according to them, and such other [proper] musters as he shall meet with, to be made of [fine] Long cloth and fine morees in lengths fitt to make a gown and Petticoat, and contract with the Painters as well as he can, and when they are once gott into the way of making them & rice cheaper, the prizes may be hereafter reduced.

Ordered that Domingo de Lawn be entertaind as a Souldier in this garrison for three years.

Ordered that Pags: 50 be advanced to [Peeria] the Powdermaker, by the Storekeeper.

Four severall papers of Generall & [private] Instructions relating to the Expedition to [Acheen] by Ship Mary read, but refer'd to further perus[al]! of each of the Councill.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

[This morning Narrain and Mulla arrived from ye: Camp and brought severall letts: and Pervanns: ye: list whereof follows viz: 13.

1. Nabob Zulphaker Cawns Letter to ye: Grand Vizier Assid Cawn concerning a Phirmaund.

2. Nabob Zulphaker Cawns lettr: to Fuzahell Cawn cheife Secretary to ye: King about a Phirmaund.

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3. Wottomchund his lettr: to ye: Grand Viziers cheif Eunuch about a Phirmaund, written by ye: Nabobs order.

4. Nabob Zulphaker Cawns Phirwanna to ye: President in answer to his lettr: sent by Narrain wth: a Horse Gold furniture & cloths.

5. Dos: Phirwanna for ye: free carrying on of our Trade in the kingdome of Golconda according to Salabad.

6. Coppies of ditto Phirwanna attested by the Cozee.

7. Dittos Phirwanna for the free carrying on of our Trade in ye: Conquered Countrey of Vizapore.

8. Coppies of ditto Phirwanna attested by the Cozee.

9. Dittos Phirwanna to ye: present and future officers in our New Towns, concerning mangovill money amot: to Pags: 120 per annum demanded by Muddanonta Puntulo forgiven.

10. Coppies of ditto Phirwanna attested by the Cozee.

11. Dos: Phirwanna to Maudanat at present Junkanr: to act according to Sallabad.

12. Dos: Phirwanna to Chinnapatam Dubash for ye: Town of Cuttewack granted to him by ye: Nabob ye: Copy whereof entered in the Kings booke.

13. Coppies of ditto Phirwanna attested by Cozee.

14. Three Coppies of ye: Grand Viziers Phirwannas for Yegmore, Tandore, and Persivacca choped by ye: Cozee.

15. Thrée Coppies of Nabob Zulphaker Cawns Phirwannaes formerly granted for ye: free carryeing on of our Trade in the Vizapore and Golconda Countreyes attested by the Cozee, wch: coppies Mr: Hatsell sent from Fort St. David to ye: Camp to Narrain.

16. Two Phirvannas sent by ye: Nabob to Jeloll Cawn not to molest Fort St. David sent by Narrain to Mr: Hatsell.

17. Daud Cawns lettr: to Jeloll Cawn concerning the Townes belonging to Fort St. David.

18. Jenvisead Cawns lettr: to Do: concerning do: Towns.

19. Mahomed Arzeifs lettr: to Do: concerning Do: Towns.

20. Daud Cawns lettr: to the President.

21. King Soresinghauda's lettr: to ye: Presidt: with a Horse.

22. Dunpattarrawes Lettr: to the President.

23. Jemrieds Cawns lettr: to ye: President wth: a Horse.

24. Mahomed Arzeifs letter to the President with a Horse, Tenn sheets of [g]uilted paper and a bottle of sweet oyle.

25. Cawnogee Scraw Lettr: to the President.

26. Meirzawabootalle Kings Buxee his lettr: to ye: President.

27. Wottomechunds lettr: to ye: Presidt: with Cloaths.

28. Cawngoe Seereawes lettr: to the President.

29. Omootallahs lettr: to the President.

30. Bill of exchange for 1200 Pags: payable to the Honble: Company by Suncha Rama.

31. Wottomechunds bill of exchange for 1,000 Rupees payable to the President by Suncha Rama for provideing goods.

SATTURDAY 13TH

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRORDINARY

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Jon: Astley paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 3478: 9: being by ye: order of Mr: Richard Gough for 12,000 Rupees wee have ordered ye: Agent &ca: of Bengall to supply him with if he requires it, and they can spare it.

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By pattemars arrived from Surrat this day the following generall lettrs: were received vizt:

Rt: Honble: Comps: generall lettr: to Fort St. George dated 6th: June, 1694. Coppies of ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: genll: lettr: to Surrat & Persia of do: date. Generall lettrs: from his Excellency Sir John Gaire dated ye: 18th: & 20th: Apprill and 13 and 18 May 1695.

Duplicates of Ditto's Genll: lettr: dated ye: 5th: Decemr: 1694. Generall lettrs: from ye: Presidt: &ca: of Surrat dated 30 & 31 May 1695, said lettrs: advise ye: arriveall of 3 shipps belonging to the Rt: Honble: Compa: ye: 15 May at Bombay vizt: the Benjamin, Mocho Friggat, and Tonqueen Merchant who left Falmouth ye: 28th: of August 1694.

Ordered that Rupees 5,988 be paid ye: President, being for one bill of exchange dated ye: 18th: May 1695 drawn by his Excellency Sir John Gayre as advised in his generall lettr: dated ye: 13 May 1695.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WM: FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 15TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WM: FRAZER — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOS: WRIGHT — MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Generall lettr: to Fort St. David ye: 12, 13, & 15 Instant in answer to theires of ye: 28 June, 4, 6, & 10th: Instant also to Bengall dated this day read and approved. Mynheir Lawrence Pitt being arrived ye: last weeke att Pollicat, its thought expedient yt: some of ye: Councill go to congratulate his arriveall & excuse a neglect of ye: Gunner in not answering ye: salute he gave theFort as he past by before sunrise on ye: 10 Instant, a lettr: from ye: Presidt: to him upon yt: occasion of this date, read, and Mr: Frazer being inclinable to see Pollicat, Its agreed yt: he and Mr: Wright do go with two Pallenkeens, 2 Horses and a suitable number of Peons.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED. TREDCROFT.

From Consultation ye: Presidt: and Councill went to ye: Garden accompanied by severall of ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: servants and Inhabitants, English, Armenians, and Jentues wth: Horses and Pallenkeens where upon the reciept of ye: Nabobs Phirmaund and seerpaw, and the four Horses from him and the other principall officers was fired 21: 17: 15: and 13: Gunns the Company being entertained at a dinner, returned home a little before sunsett, that ye: solemnity of ye: March might be ye: more publickley observed and represented to ye: Nabob &ca: 15.

Dispatched a Genll: lettr: to Fort St. David dated the 12: the 13 & 15 Instants.

Received a Genll: lettr: from Fort St. David dated the 13th Instant. 16.

This Evening Mr: Frazer and Mr: Wright sett out for Pollicat, and carried a generall lettr: from the Presidt: to Governor Pitt of yesterdayes date.

Received a lettr: from Governor Pitt at nine a cloke at night dated this day, adviseing he had received advices from Holland dated December 1694 that 5 French shipps were designed for India in February last, whereupon the President wrote a note to Mr: Frazer to enquire the news more particularly.

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17 Shipp George Henry Harnett Mast^{r}: sailed for Bengall, by whome sent a gen^{ll}: lett^{r}: to y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: of yesterdayes date.

18 Dispatched a gen^{ll}: lett^{r}: to Fort St. David of this date. M^{r}: Frazer and M^{r}: Wright returned from Pollicat and brought a lett^{r}: to the Presid^{t}: dated $\frac{17th}{27}$: Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY 19TH. THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: W^{M}: FRAZER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: ED: TREDCROFT.

M^{r}: Frazer and M^{r}: Wright returning yesterday from Pollicat report that Gov^{r}: Pitt did in discourse concerning y^{e}: occasion of answering his salute excuse it by sayeing he went by in the morning before daye and did receive them with great civility and Solemnity. Considering the slow sale of Europe cloath, and the necessity of selling, especially if y^{e}: next shipp brings more, as expected, It is ordered that 30 bales be laden on y^{e}: Mary, consigned to M^{r}: Enoch Walsh to dispose of at Acheen to the China Junks, whereof many are usually there at this time of y^{e}: yeare, and what cannot be sould dureing theire stay to be brought backe viz^{t}:

Broad Cloth Ordinary	Red	Bales	12
Do.	Green	„	6
Do.	Aurora	„	1
Do.	Crimson	„	1
Do.	Cloath Rashes	„	4
Do.	Perpetuanoes fine	„	3
Do.	Ditto ordinary	„	3
		Bales	30

Ordered that the following rates of freight be taken for Goods sent to and brought from Acheen by y^{e}: Mary viz^{t}: Bale goods fine . . . 5 per cent.
Course . . . 7

Slaves and Passengers Pag^{s}: 5 per head finding themselves victuals.

Oyle and butter	1 per jarr.
Wine and Rose water	1 per chest.

From Acheen.

Gold	1 per cent.

Gold returne of goods sent upon y^{e}: shipp freight free.

Copper	3	per cent.
Tinn	4	
Toothnague	5	
Suggarr	10	

No pepper but for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: account till they are supplyed.

The generall lett^{r}: from Fort St. David dated the 28 of June mentioning y^{t} Cap^{t}: Oyles had referred to us y^{e}: paying y^{e}: custome of some slaves, he had shipped aboard there, he was sent for, and being asked how many he had aboard, he answered y^{t}: he and his shipps company had shipped about 40 slaves besides tenn or 12 men, w^{ch}: he bought to make up his shipps company, he was ordered to pay the custome of all, where wth: he readly promised to comply.

The question being put whether Cap^{t}: Oyles shall pay freight for his slaves to Acheen, it is referred to further consideration.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
W^{M}: FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT.
ED. TREDCROFT.

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Dispatched a lettr: to Govr: Pitt att Pollicat of this date. 20.

Received a genll: Lettr: from Vizagapatam dated ye: 27th: June last, wth: Coppy of ye: Divans Lettr: to ye: cheife and his answer thereunto.

Yesterday Mr: John Trubshaw who came out a writer upon shipp London Friggat, being sicke when he came ashoare and haveing continued soe ever since departed this life and was buried this morning.

Received a Genll: lettr: from Fort St David dated 17th Instant. 21.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: MONDAY 22.
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JON: STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Edmund Mountague Provll: land Customer read his accot: of Land custome for ye: Month of June and paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 294 on yt: accot: particulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custome	Pags:	149: 18: 70
Triblicane Custome		= 11: 68
Rubie Broakers		128: 15: =
Cloth Broakers		16: 30: 05
	Pags:	295. 03: 63:

Ordered that Pags: 294 be paid to Mr: Thos: Wright Paymaster for defrayeing charges Garrison.

Mr: Thos: Marshall Register of ye: Court of Admiralty delivers an accot: of Court Fees &ca: from ye: primo March 1694, to ye: ultimo June 1695, amot: to Pags: 43 and paid the said sume into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash.

Two lettrs: to ye: Queen of Acheen, one to ye: Orankey and one to the Shabander, also an order to Mr: Delton &cn: English att Acheen for repaireing hither, read and approved.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
THOS: WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
ED: TREDCROFT. JOHN STYLEMAN.

This morning delivered Capt: Thos: Oyles Comander of shipp Mary his Dispatch for Acheen. 24.

This afternoone Capt: Oyles and Mr: Walsh examined ye: severall papers relateing to ye: Acheen affaires which were found according to list (as entered in the coppy booke of Lettrs:) and were all delivered to Mr: Walsh except the President and Councills Comission to Capt: Oyles wch: was delivered to him.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR: THURSDAY 25TH.
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JON: STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Ed: Tredcroft Sea customer payes into the Comps: Cash Pags: 1,700 on yt: accot:, and read his accot: for ye: Month of June last particulars vizt:

Custome of goods imported and exported		4,171: 17: 23
Ditto of graine		909: 11: 74
Anchorage		59: =: =
Tonnage		38: 32: =
		5,178: 25: 17
Freight per shipp Martha		153: 18: 01
	Pagds:	5,332: 07: 18

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Ordered that Pag^{s}: 1,000 be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

The Gen^{ll}: Lett^{r}: from Vizagapatam dated y^{e}: 27 past adviseing a great scarcity of rice, butter and oyle, ordered that a boat now goeing that way be freighted to carry tenn jarrs of butter, five jarrs of oyle, three jarrs of rice, one garse of Ye[g]more paddy, one Candy of Countrey Powder and 2 Candyes of Cotton, for embayleing their goods, be laden upon her for Vizagapatam.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 3,000 be paid the Merchants, they haveing delivered in 4,000 Pag^{s}: worth of cloth more then received money for.

M^{r}: Wright reports y^{e}: state of y^{e}: acco^{t}: of Nino &c^{a}: Redwood Merchants (w^{ch}: y^{e}: Bookekeep^{r}: is ordered to enter) the ballance due from them w^{ch}: is Pag^{s}: 161: 14:, and they haveing brought hither about 500 Candy more of Redwood Its ordered that the same be recieved at y^{e}: former prizes Pag^{s}: 2$\frac{1}{4}$ per Candy they paying custome for y^{e}: same, and that Pag^{s}: 700 be paid to Nino &c^{a}: in part for said Redwood.

Ordered that above 100 Candy of redwood be received from Nurcawn att Pag^{s}: 2: $\frac{1}{4}$ per Candy and that y^{e}: Warehouskeeper receive and report y^{e}: weight of it.

Generall lett^{r}: to y^{e}: Cheife &c^{a}: of Vizagapatam of yesterdayes date, to y^{e}: cheife and Councill of Ballasore, and to y^{e}: Agent and Councill of Bengall both of this date, alsoe one from y^{e}: Presid^{t}: to Gov^{r}: Pitt adviseing of six shipps seen nine dayes agoe about half way between this place and Metchlepatam, supposed to be French standing to the Northward.

Suncha Rama paid into y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 1,200 being returned by Narrain from y^{e}: Camp by bill, w^{ch}: he carried with him to pay y^{e}: rent money of Madras due y^{e}: ultimo June, but finding it not convenient to pay it there because y^{e}: Nabob would not give a rec^{t} returned it.

Perused the Translates of lett^{rs}: & Pervannaes brought by Narrain from y^{e}: Nabob &c^{a}: and discoursed wth: Narrain upon severall matters contained therein, particularly his agreement with y^{e}: Congoe, who haveing sent his son in Law to desire he may come and discourse wth: y^{e}: President Its agreed that he may come and discourse wth: him, and y^{e}: Nabob and others haveing bespoke severall things off Narrain, w^{ch}: he declares they expect should be sent them in returne of theire Horses, some whereof are worth 3 times more then what was sent them before, Its ordered that the following be bought by y^{e}: Warehouskeeper for that occasion viz^{t}:

Skreen with clocke worke.
China clocke worke women, &c^{a}: Eight.
Strong liquors twenty bottles.]
Brandy Persia five Gallons.
Pictures small women five.
Flintware pieces six.

Wottomchund having sent a List of things to be provided for him, for which he has sent a Bill of one thousand Rupees on Suncha Rama, Narrain is ordered to take care that the things be bought well according to his order.

Cassia Singuaria having frequently wrote for two Brass Guns, and bespoke them of Narriane when at the Camp, It is ordered that they be ꝑvided for him he paying their cost or value.

Narrain having brought wth: him from the Camp six horses whereof four [were] Presented to the President by the Nabob, Cassia Singuaria, Jenzees Cawn and Mahomod Arrief and two to Narrian by the Nabob and Mahomod Arrief, those Presented to the President are by him declared to belong to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company, and are valued at Pag^{s} 200, 150: 150: 250 wth: the gold furniture belonging to the Nabobs Horse of about thirty Pag^{s}. But Narrian alledging that the Horse gave him by Mahomod Arrief, was in consideration of somthing he had formerly presented, and now promised him more, It is agreed that he keep that Horse for himselfe, but the other given him by the Nabob doth belong to the R^{t}:

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Hon^{ble}: Company being a returne of y^{e}: [present] and is valued at Pag^{s}: 120, so that the five horses now received are valued at Pag^{s}: 900 with y^{e}: furniture, and are ordered to be entred in the Generall Bookes.

Narrian produceing an [acco^{t}: of y^{e}:] presents delivered by him at the Camp, and [of his charges] there and returne, whereby he [has expended] Pag^{s}: 127: 20: 30 more then received [M^{r}: Styleman] and M^{r} Wright are ordered to [examine] and report the said acco^{t}.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

This morning Cap^{t}: Oyles and M^{r}: Walsh went aboard Ship Mary, and about 12 a clocke saile[d], but the wind dyeing away were for[ced to] come to an anchor, againe to prevent being driven to the northward.

Dispatch'd a Letter from the President to Gov^{r}: Pitt at Pollicat. 25.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam of yesterdays date by an Armenian Cosset.

Shipp Dieumund Sheik Cawn Mahomod Nocqueda sailed for Bengall, by whome sent Generall Letters to the Cheif and Councill of Ballasore and to the Agent and Councill of Bengall both of yesterdays date. 26.

Shipp Chariara Nodrey Cawn Nocqueda sailed for Bengall.

Received a Letter from Gov^{r}: Pitt of yesterdays date to the President. 27.

Dispatch'd a Letter to Gov^{r}: Pitt of this date.

Received a generall Letter from ffort S^{t} David dated the 24th: Instant. 28.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 29.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T} & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^{r}: John Foquet Rentall Generall pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 280 on acco^{t} of Quit Rents &c^{a}.

Letters from the President to Hindaraw Gopand and Gopal Puntulo read and approved.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 374: 21: 3 be paid for 6: 21: (can md.) copper delivered into the mint for the coining of cash for Madrass and the West Coast.

M^{r}: Styleman and M^{r} Wright reporting that they have examined Narrains acco^{t}: of Disbursements, and find it right, It is ordered that Pag^{s}: 127: 20: 30 being the Balance [be paid] him by the Paymaster.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: two hundred be paid M^{r}: Thomas Wright being for one Bill of Exchange Dated the 24th: Instant drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort S^{t}: David [as] advised in their Generall Letter of Ditto [date].

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 23 be paid M^{r}: John [Foquet] Rentall Generall out of the Pedd[enaigue's] money, being so much due from them to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company on acc^{t}: of quit rents.

Ordered that Matthias Christian be entertained as a souldier in this garrison from the 20th: Inst: and John Carwall from this day.

The Merchants being sent for and enquired of whether they had stated and finished y^{e}: accounts of their old Joint stocke, as they long since were ordered and have promised. They answered [on] ffriday next being a good day they would beg[in]. But they having so long defer'd it, to prevent further delay. It is ordered that the Merchants Conicoplies of the old Joint Stocke, doe meet dayly

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[29TH] [in] the merchants godown, and that Iapa Chittee and Copaty Cash do attend with them allso Verago Pilla (an experienced Conicoply) and examine the old Joint Stocke accots: in order to their reporting the following particulars, Vizt.

How much money was put into the old Joint Stock, and by [whome] as they now stand Entred by the Conicoply.

How much is due from the Joint Stocke by theire accots: as they now stand entred by ye: Conicoplies. How much is due to the Joint Stock & from whom by the Conicoplies accounts.

What is remaining in Cash and goods by the Conicoplies accots.

The President Pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand being for accot: of the Lady Goldsborough at Ten ℔ cent Interest ℔ annum for six months, and Mr: Daniel Chardin Pags: 1500 for three months at the same rate, for which [it] is ordered that Bonds be given.

Ordered that Pags: 260 : 27 : 5 be paid for 11 can : [12 md. : of] redwood bought of Nurcawn at Pags: 2¼ ℔ Candy.

Ordered that Pags: 2202 : 9 fanams be paid to Senhor Alvaro da Fonseca, being both Principall and Interest due to him on a Bond dated the 25th: July 1694.

[The Congoe mentioned in Consultation of ye:] 25th Instant comeing to see the President [took up] the rest of the day till eight a clocke [at night]. The entry of what passed is referred [to our next] meeting.

Mr: Styleman produced his Journal of ye: monthly accots: Entred till the ultimo April last.

NATH: HIGGINSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER. THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

30. Received a Letter from Govr: Pitt dated the 29th: Instant desireing that three Dutch Souldiers who run [from] Pollicat, and he was informed were in Madrass, might be deliver'd to their Marshall who brought the Letter. The President thereupon ordered an officer of the Guard to go with the Dutch Marshall and Search the Town for them, but could not be found, and returned an answer to Govr: Pitts Letter that he had had notice from the Lieut of the Guard that some persons who seem'd to be Dutch men did offer to serve in this garrison [but produceing no certificate] from whence they came, or what they were, refused to entertain them.

FRIDAY 2ND. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR; EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his accot: for the month of June particulars Vizt.

Charges Garrison	Pags:	817 : 33
Charges Generall	„	366 : 18
Charges Merchandize	„	24 : 6
Charges Cattle	„	18 : 16
Charges Diett	„	511 : 30
Expedition to Metchlepatam &a:	„	1 : 32
Vizagapatam Factory	„	9 : 21
Factors Provisions	„	47 : 27
Combe Vide &ca Brickmakers	„	200 : —
Yegmore, &ca: New Towns	„	—— 18
Fortifications and repairs	„	386 : 20
Narrains Journey to the Camp	„	535 : [30]
	Pags:	2920 : 35

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Ordered that the Paymaster do pay Pag^{s}: 11 : 7 : 26 to Doctor Brown being for Drugs bought by him from the buzar for eight months as ℔ his acco^{t}: now [delivered].

The sales of Europe cloth out of the godown as Chapmen offer being so slow, that for want thereof we are forced to borrow money at [Interest] and there being no reason to expect a better [till] the camp comes nearer, which has been long [expected] but is uncertaine, and there being reason to expect a greater supply by the next shipps, It is resolved that all the damaged Europe Cloth in y^{e}: Godown be sold at outcry on Wednesday the 14th Instant at the Sea Gate, and that on Monday next the warehousekeeper do produce a list of each sort of Europe cloth dammaged, a copy whereof to be affixed on the severall gates of the Citty giveing notice of the intended Sale and [for] prevention of bad debts at the outcry, the warehousekeeper is to cause the buyers [if he] suspects good payment, to produce their [money] or Security before the delivery of the Goods whereat such of the Councill to attend as [are] at Leisure.

Cap^{t}: Anthony Pennistone pays into the R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 1200 at Interest at Ten ℔ cent ℔ Annum for six months, for which ordered that a bill be given him.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Thomas Meadows Cheif Gunner having been long indisposed and designed to goe for England, It is ordered that Robert Atkinson be gunn^{r}: of the Inner Fort in his roome, and James Leigh be gunner of the outworkes from the first Instant, and that Robert Atkinson do receive all the Gunners Stores from Thomas Meadows by list.

The Conoungoes Letter brought by Narrain from the Camp expressing an agreement made with him by Narrain, that he should receive one and a halfe ℔ cent out of the Madrass villages and two ℔ cent out of the Tegnapatam Villages and that he should have a house and garden both at Fort S^{t}: George and Fort S^{t}: David, it is requisite to note the meaning of that office and y^{e}: occasion of Narrain's agreement.

(1) As to the Conoungoes office.

By the conquest of Golconda and Vizapore, Aurenzeeb's Dominions are accounted to consist of 56 Kingdoms or Principallities which are Divided under severall Conoungoes who keep an acco^{t}: of the value and contents of all Lands, and allways reside with the King & give direction for the distribution of Lands to the severall Suba's and Principall officers as they are appointed by the King, and resolve questions and disputes that arise among the Suba's concerning their Limits, and once a yeare each Conoungoe presents unto the King a Generall state of the acco^{ts}: of the Lands under the Severall suba's, Viz^{t}: the Value and contents of Lands Distributed into Jaggeers, rented by farmers and remaining in the Kings hands. The Suba's being accountable for the two latter, but the Jaggeers being Lands alotted to Generalls for the Maintenance of a proportionable [number] of Horse, they are accountable for theire own Jaggeers.

These Conoungoes receive no Salary from the King but are allowed to take one or two ℔ cent upon the produce of lands, not out of [y^{e}: Kings] part, but the part belonging to the ffarmers and Husbandmen, whereby they are enabled to keep a great number of Servants in all parts for gaining intelligence and keeping acco^{ts}:

Among the head Conoungoes is Baupony Mahadiev a Moratta Brameney (as most [of] them are either Moratta Bramineys, Guzarats or Coits, the Moors and Persians being very [ill] accomptants) who about Seven yeares [agoe] was taken wth Sombogee and by the King [made] Conoungoe of the Golconda and Vizapore Kingdoms to Aurongovad, under whome Vissagee Banchurra is Conoungoe of the Cornatta Countrey from Kisna river to the extent of the Chingee countrey Viz^{t}: all that part whereof Zulphaker Cawn is Suba, Part whereof lyes in y^{e}: Kingdome of Golconda and part in the Kingdome of Vizapore. The latter is by them termed

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the new conquered Kingdome, wherein by the Mogulls order the Conoungoes receive two ℔ Cent, but in the part which lyes within the Kingdome of Golconda they receive but one or one and a halfe ℔ Cent, Fort S^{t}: George lyes [in] Golconda and Fort S^{t}: David in Vizapore Kingdomes.

This Vissagee doth attend constantly (either himselfe or men of his own family) with the Nabob, Duan and other officers of the Kings revenues, and sometimes travell from place to place to oversee and regulate the particular acco^{ts}: of Townes and countreys, and whenever the Nabob has occasion to make out a Jaggeer or a ffarme the Conoungoes acco^{ts}: do determine the particular Townes to be assigned and their Value, so that it lyes much in his power either to favour or prejudice. Therefore those that are concerned in the Kings Lands take care not only to gett the Lands right entred in his acco^{ts}: but to engage him to declare in their favour when any question arrises relating to those Lands there are two Instances wherein the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company have suffered by his means. The first was when the Nabob granted a Jaggeer to Arsemonague in the Pullamullee Countrey the last year, he gave in such an [account] of the lands as included the Townes of Yegmore, and Persiwacca, by virtue whereof the officers of Arsemonague attempted [severall] months to take forcible possession and were the occasion of our address to the Nabob by [the] Buxee for his Perwanna, which thô it [was] obtained, yet cost a great expence, which [would] have been prevented if the Conoungoe [had been] our friend. The Second Instance is, that when the Nabob appointed Jeloll Cawn Gov^{r}: of Waldore and its dependences, the Conoungoe caused the Town of Witchmere to be in[serted] which was the occasion of Jeloll Cawns attempting that place, thô he knew it belonged to the English and had been bought of Ram Raja, Yet because it stood in his bookes as a part of the Waldore Countrey, and being under noe obligation to doe the English a kindness he would not except Witchmere.

The occasion of Narrains Agreem^{t}. The President having ever since the grant of the Madrass new Towns, observed that defect, that they were not entered in the Conoungoes bookes had frequently discoursed wth: Narrain the necessity of getting it done, and particularly urg'd him when he went to the Camp to effect it, if possible, Narrain therefore made that bargaine Supposeing it to be for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: interest, and a means to secure a quiet enjoyment for the future, but did not apprehend or consider the meaning and consequence of y^{e}: Conoungoes receiving two ℔ Cent out of Tegnapatam Townes, as a part of the Mogulls new conquer'd Dominions.

And since he made such a bargain when he appeared as our Agent at the Camp, either we must confirme the terms agreed or grant a Satisfactory equivalent, or we shall for ever make him an inveterate enimey, in whose power it will be to give us frequent trouble, It was therefore resolved to satisfie him wth: an equivalent consideration, and after three or four hours discourse wth: him in consultation the result is contained in the two writeings following this Consultation wherein we [have granted] him 35 Pag^{s}: ℔ annum payable yearly in full of all demands, which [thô] it is to be paid out of the New Towns (wth: out Losse [to] the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company) yet is provided to be paid by the Governour that the Conoungoe may have nothing to do with the Inhabitants, those office[rs] and their Servants being very troublesome [and] injurious to them, and when they have but a small matter to demand make them pay [double] and treble the amount, and instead of his [haveing] a House and Garden given him here and at Fort S^{t}: David, he has Liberty to buy and there were now presented him a gold chaine poiz Pag^{s}: 40: [and halfe] a peice of Crimson, and to his young son [whome he] intends shall live here three yards of Perpetuanoes and the Conoungoe Indorsed the Perwannas granted by the Vizier and Nabob for the New Towns and tooke copies thereof and of the Perwannas relateing to Tegnapatam.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

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A Cowle given by the Hon^{ble}: Nath^{ll}: Higginson to Conoungoe Sisawgee Aumaugee Bawcaur Dated the 27th: July 1695.

Since I have been informed of your good and noble Disposition I doe now promise and give you by y^{e}: Cowle the Conoungoe duty for the five Towns belonging to Chinapatam, and allso the Eleven Towns belonging to Tevenapatam and Cuddalore, the Conoungoe duty of all these Towns is Pag^{s}: thirty five, all which you shall have in Chinapatam, and when you receive it, you must then continue a faithfull freind to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English Company.

Translate of a Letter from Conoungoe Sisaugee Amaugee Bawcauro Servant to Baupugee Mauhado, To the Hon^{ble} Nath^{ll} Higginson Gov^{r}: and Servant to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} English East India Company Dated the 29th: July 1695.

After my many Salams to your Hon^{r}: you have about the Chinapatam Towns and Tevenapatam wth: its Towns given to you according to a writeing from the Nabob, and for the same you have Likewise Rama Raja's Cowle, you write me that Nabob Zulphaker Cawn upon your [desire] has bestowed his favours upon you [and] has granted you a writeing for Tevenapatam and its Towns, and now since the [Nabob] has bestowed his favours upon you, [and] has granted you a writeing, now noe one can hinder your business, but I am as one [of] yours, any business that you have I [will] reckon it as much as if it were my own and I am obliged to see that it is carryed on [according] to the above mentioned writeings, on [my part] there shall be nothing wanting, I am [as one] of your own people, so your heart [may rest] contented, I write and give this in a faith[full] and solemn way, all manner of business that relates to you[r] Hon^{r}: if you advice me of it at any time, I will not be backward in performing it to the utmost of my power, the Almighty God, I take to witness this, you have bestowed you[r] favours on me, and have granted me a Cowle for Tevenapatam and it's Towns and the Chinapatam and its Towns w^{ch}; I accept off, [what you] give me I value highly Dated the 27th: of the month Zell Hedgee in the 39 year of the Kings Reign.

Boat Narsinghooda sailed for Vizagapatam by [said] boat sent the severall things order'd by Consultation 25th: past allso a Generall Letter to the Cheif &c^{a}: dated the [*lacuna in the original*]. 2.

Shipp Tetteram sailed for Bengall.

Delivered Passes to Shipps Nossa Senhora de boâ Viago Enarse Swares master, and Mahomod Fatteher Side Mahomod Master, and Sloop Nossa Senhora De Rosara Assa Nina master all bound to Quedah.

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY 3.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: STYLEMAN *sicke.*

Ordered that Peter Johnson and Francis [Olois] be Entertained as Souldiers in this Garrison.

Commission to Edward Palmer for being [second] Ensigne and Henry Kerr for being youngest Ensigne at Fort S^{t}. David signed, but blanks left for [the] time of their commencements. Allso a Generall Letter to the Deputy Gov^{r}: and Councill dated the primo Instant.

The particulars mentioned in Consultation of the 25th: past to be presented to the Nabob &c^{a}: not being all procureable, resolved that the [following] particulars be sent instead thereof Viz^{t}.

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13RD] To the Nabob—

		Pags.
1 Large Skreen Clocke worke		256
To Arreif—		
2 Cases Brandy	32	
22 Bottles Cordial waters	22	
1 Women clocke worke	26	
18 Pieces Christallware	20	100
To Jemreid Cawn—		
1 Junke	40	
2 Pieces Green Broadcloth	50	90

To Wottam Chund—

	Pags.
1 Pair Pistolls	7
1 Sword	1 8

To Cassia Singuara—

2 Brass Guns wth: Carriages about	100
	Pags: 554.

To be given to the Servants who return wth: these Presents.

Nabob and Arriefs—	
1 Horseman ... ... 20 Rups:	Pags: 5: 18
2 Broad cloth 4 yards	„ 4: ...
2 Chubdars Perpetuanoes 8	„ 2: 18
Jemreid Cawn.	
1 Horseman Broad cloth 3 yards	„ 3: ...
1 Chubdar Perpetuanoes 4	„ 1: 9
	Pags: 16: 9

Chena Chrishalla Naigue a considerable Taliar Lyeing between this place and Fort St: David having wrote Severall Letters to the President in behalfe of his Kinsman Occle naigue desireing he may be restored to the watching of [Tegnapatam], which is now Possessed by a Kinsman of ye: [Woodiars.] These Talliars being a troublesome sort of people, t'is not thought convenient to give any possitive answer, but that the messen[ger] be dismissed with a letter now read of this date to Chena Chrishalla Naigue.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

3. Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to Fort St: David dated the primo Instant, Encloseing Commission [ap]pointing Edward Palmer and Henry Kerr [Ensignes] in that Garrison.

4. Received a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 13th: July adviseing that the [Martha] arrived there the 8th: Ditto, who delivering [ye: Treasure] &ca: Sailed for Bengall the 11th allso [coppies of] their Consultations and Diaries from [the 28th:] June to the 13th July last and the [translate] of a Letter from the Duan to Mr: Hollc[ombe,] By the same Peons received a Letter from ye: Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the 28th: May last Papers &ca: as ℔ List.

5 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the ultimo July, adviseing they had Lett the Tobacco Beetle and Ganjee [farme] for 3600 Chuckrums and the Arrac for 525, allso a list of stores &ca: wanting for the use of the Garrison.

Shipp Senhora de Boa, Viago Enarse Sware master and sloop Senhora de Rosaira [Assa] Nina master sailed for Queda.

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Present

[THURSDAY], 8.

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH ^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: STYLEMAN *sicke.* M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Matthew Carter be entertained as gunners mate of the Inner Fort from the first Instant and David Carny of the Gun room Crew from this Day.

The President acquaints that goeing on Saturday morning to the Fort the Gunners crew being summd: to declare Robert Atkinson Chief Gunner of the Inner Fort and James Leigh Gunner of the out workes, M^{r}: Leigh did thereupon declare that he would not accept thereof, unless assured that he should have his Diet at the Generall Table. The President told him the time, nor place were not proper to discourse after that manner, but M^{r}: Leigh urge[ing] his demand a second time, and saying that his Pay would not buy him Shoes, the President dismissed him wth: a reproofe, and ordered Richard Ware to officiate as gunner of the out workes till furth^{r}: order.

Ordered that Pag^{s} 1718: 16 fanams be paid to the President for 5988: Rupees payable on a Bill drawn by the Generall as mentioned in Consultation of the 13th: July, the said Rupees being bought at y^{e} rate of 348½ for one hundred Pag^{s}.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 1000 on acco^{t}: goods sold.

The President acquaints the Councill that Lieut Seaton having the last weeke acquainted him [that] Ralp[h] Ottey had made a discovery to him of a [designe], among severall souldiers to run away, [he ordered] Lieuten^{t}: Seaton to encourage Ottey in [makeing] a further discovery, that the whole designe [and] the persons concerned may be found out [y^{t}:] accordingly the said Ottey pretending to goe with them, did at severall times [discover] what passed among them at their sev^{ll}: [meetings] and produceing a List of five persons, [whereof] one Viz^{t}: John Christian had under[taken] to steale arm's out of the armory for their use in [running] away, and that they had agreeed to meet on [Monday] night, and gett ready to goe away the next day. The President ordered that no notice be taken of y^{e}: Discovery till the Evening on Monday [y^{e}: 5 Instant] when notice being given of their being [mett att an] house in the Black Towne, The President [ordered] Lieuten^{t}: Seaton to cause them all to be [seized] and the two Principal actors to be [secured in] Irons, and the next day desired M^{r}: ffraser and M^{r}: Wright to take their examinations [which being] now produced were read.

Ordered that a Court Martial be held on Monday the 12th Instant in the Fort for y^{e} [Triall] of said offenders viz^{t}: James Bonnel, John [Kisset] John Lewis Edward ffoster and John Christian.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

9. This morning Lieutenant [Sinclar] acquainted y^{e}: President that the last night Lieut^{t}: Seaton at about twelve o'clocke [being] in Drinke, drew his sword upon the choultrey guard and run a Portugueze souldier through the arm, Doctor Bulkley being ordered to view the wound reports that it is not dangerous and Lieut Seaton being sent for, answer was brought that he was sicke of a feavor.

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FRIDAY 9.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT MR: STYLEMAN *sicke.*

The Arrac farmers paid into the Rt: Hon: Comps: Cash Pags: 166 24 : fanams on that accot.

Mr: Wm: ffraser warehousekeepr: read his accots: for the month of June last.

Ordered that: Pags 229 : 13 : 3 be paid to Senhr: da Fonseca being for one Bill of Exchange [drawn] by the Deputy Governr: and Councill of Fort St: David dated the ultimo: July.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

The President received a Letter from Govr: Pitt dated the 7/17 Instant wth: a copy of Peter Elzeviers [petition] to him concerning his share of the Estate of Peter Tores deceased.

MONDAY 12.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT MR: STYLEMAN *sicke.*

Ordered that Thomas Grimarsh a Portugueze [be] entertained as a Souldier in this garrison.

Mrs: Ann Delgardner paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: fifteen being in full for the fishing [farme] for the year 1694 ending the ultimo April last.

The President read his accot of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for the month of July the balance being Pags 1938: 14 : 5 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accot: Passes for Ditto month, and paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 4: 24 fanams on that accot.

Ordered that the warehousekeepr: pay Mr: Alvars Da Fonseca Pags: 256 for one Extroardinary large China clocke worke skreen bought of him to be sent to the Nabob, as ℔ Consultation the 3d: Instant.

The Indisposition of Mr: Styleman and Lieut: Seaton having prevented the holding of a Court Martial this day as appointed, the same [was deffered] till Wednesday next at three a'clocke in the afternoon.

Six or seven corge of fine Long cloth offering for sale of the usual sort proper for ordinary painting and white shirts, at about sixty Pags: per corge. It is ordered that the warehousekeepr: and sorters do view and report the same.

Ralph Ottey who discovered the designe of Christian, Kiffit &ca having given in his declaracon in writeing, and he being thereupon examined, doeth affirme that the first day of his discourse wth: any one about it, was on the 30 past at night and that for two days following he endeavour'd to give private information thereof to Lieutent: Seaton, but was prevented by his being absent from home, and did discover it the next day after which what doth appear to be acted by him, was, as the President doeth declare by his own direction in order to the full discovery of the whole designe and all the persons concerned in it, But it being suspected by some

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that he was privy to ye designe long before he discovd: it and a principal actor in it. It is order'd that a pardon be given to the said Ottey for qualifying him for being an Evidence. The Judge is desired to draw a draught thereof.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY 14.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The President pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash [Pags:] ninety five 13 fanams on accot: custome of [gold] coined in the mint.

Translate of a letter from Govr: Pitt dated [ye: 17th: Instant] from Pollicherry, relating to Peter Elzeviers [claime of a] share of the Estate of Peter Tores deceased [and ye:] Presidents answer thereunto dated the 13th: Instant [read and] approved.

The fflag staff having by accident this [morning] been broken, and appearing likely to [raine and] there being no other conveniency in the ffort but a Tent for holding [ye: Court martial,] It is deferred till Saturday next at Eight a'clock in the morning.

Whereas in Consultation of the 13th August there being two persons ordered to be slaves to the Rt: Honble: Company for stealing severall [children] one of wch; being now dead and the other [uncapable] of service, 'tis ordered that the justices of ye: [Choultry] do dismiss him the Town wth: such punishment [as they] shall thinke fitt.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Dispatched a lettr: from ye: President to Govr: Pitt of yesterdayes date in answer to his of ye: 7 Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 15.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: AND GOVR
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JON: STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: ED: TREDCROFT.

The Nabob Zulphaker Cawn haveing sent his Phirwanna ordering ye: payment of ye: Madrass Town rent to Kojee Mahomed Allee, It is ordered that ye: same be paid to him being Pags: 1,200 and that a piece of broadcloath ordinary be presented as usuall.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
THOS: WRIGHT. WM: FRASER.
ED: TREDCROFT. JON: STYLEMAN.

Received a genll: lettr: from M: Braborne &ca: at Retorah dated ye: 10th: July last &ca: papers as per list. 16TH.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT
M^{R}: W^{M}: FRAZER M^{R}: JO^{N}: STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THO^{S}: WRIGHT M^{R}: ED: TREDCROFT.

The Warehouskeeper &c^{a}: reporting y^{t}: they have viewed and sorted y^{e}: long cloath mentioned in Consultation y^{e}: 12 Instant, and that the same is all either fitt for paintings or shirts ordered that Pag^{s}: 590 be paid to Vellapa Chittee for tenn corge bought of him att Pago^{s}: 59 per corge.

Signed Comissions dated this day appointing Robert Gibbons eldest Ensigne of y^{e}: first company, John Gardner Ensigne of y^{e}: second company and Edward Parker youngest Ensigne of y^{e}: first company, John Browne Ensigne of y^{e}: second company have[ing] been notorious and scandalously guilty off frequent drunkenness, It is ordered that his Commission be taken from him, and that he bee reduced to his halbert.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
ED: TREDCROFT. JO^{N}: STYLEMAN.

MONDAY 19TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T} & GOVERN^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRAZER M^{R}: JO^{N}: STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THO^{S}: WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^{r}: Frazer Warehouskeeper payes into y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companyes Cash Pago^{s}: 1100 on acco^{t}: goods sould and M^{r}: Styleman Pago^{s}: 1400 for account of the Lady Goldsborough & pago^{s}: 1000 for acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Heires of Henry Burton deceased att ten per cent Interest per annum for 6 Mo^{s}: It is ordered y^{t}: bills be given for the same.

Generall lett^{r}: from Anjengo dated y^{e}: 10th: past being received the purport of which and y^{e}: enclosed papers being to acquaint us that the Generall had given a permission for private trade in Pepper when there is none of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: money to be invested and that it was necessary for y^{e}: preservation of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Credit with the Queen to take off as much pepper as y^{e}: Countrey produced, otherwise shee would sell it to others, as shee had already sould to the Danes, because our Factory had failed in buyeing, and that he has noe reason to expect a sufficient stocke from Bombay, propounds that private Merchants may be encouraged to send money from hence to purchase 500^{ca}: being verry sensible of y^{e}: realty and reasonableness of that proposeall, It is resolved that the private Merch^{ts}: of this place be invited to undertake the voiage and to make a stocke sufficient for y^{e} procureing of said quantity, but y^{e}: Consignement to be made to y^{e}: cheif and Councill and to be mannaged in y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: name.

Upon peruseall of y^{e}: generall from Fort St David dated y^{e}: 13th: Instant It is ordered that Pago^{s}: seaventeen therein mentioned to be expended in charges about y^{e}: buisiness of Abdull Ghophers shipp at Porto Novo be charged in our bookes to the Credit of Fort St David and to y^{e}: debt of Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: London in Surratt Presidency and that y^{e}: Presid^{t}: &c^{a}: of Surrat be advised thereof and to demand y^{e}: same of Abdull Gopher.

That 1000 Pago^{ds}: be paid to Rama Kisna for one bill of exchange therein mentioned to be drawn on us dated y^{e}: 9th: Instant being to pay for overland pepper bought there

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That 50 Baggs of Wheat and one bale of Aurora be sent to Fort St David per first oppertunity.

The President read y^e^: following paper.

Nellacunde a Merch^t^: of y^e^: Cuttaree Cast kept his wife children and family in Pegue made many yearly voyages to this place, [in the] famine time above ten years agoe he bought [a] Jentue woman, some say for a slave, and others say for a wife, but whether a slave or a wife she Cohabited with him in the same house when he was here, and the last year when he went to Pegue, left her and her brother and severall slaves in a hired house, and left in her custody a chest wherein was contained (as Serv^ts^: declared whome he allso left to abide in the same house,) severall writeings and acco^ts^: and three bulses of rubies, the value unknown, but affirmed by severall who pretend to know, that the value was very considerable.

The shipp wherein Nellacunte went to Pegue was lost on Negrais, and he among many others perished.

By the next shipp from Pegue the son of Nellacunte sends Letters to Cojee Gregorie Armenian: Devamond a Cutteree and Widee a Jentue Pegue Merchant, desireing them to secure his fathers estate till he came over, upon receipt of the Letter they fearing an Embezelment would be [made by] the woman and her brother, on the [same] Day sent for Kisna, (the Presidents [servant]) and desired him to goe along with them to y^e^: House before the woman had the news of Nellacuntes death, when they came there about Eight a'clocke at night, they asked for the [rubies] &c^a^: left by Nellacunte. The woman at [first] denyed there was any, and said he had [carried] everything w^th^: him. They enquired of the [servant] who informed them there was a chest, and [all] was in that, whereupon the woman called them to goe and see what was in the chest. But [when] It was opened there was found but one Bulse of Rubies and some loose Jewells, but no [writeings]. They put Devamonds chop upon the [chest, the] next morning they all came and acquainted the President therewith, and desired in behalfe [of] Nellacuntes son that his fathers Estate [might] be secured till he came. The President therefore desired the Judge to take care thereof, and [to give] the necessary orders for secureing the Estate [and the] Judge issued out a warrant for bringing the [chest] into the Custody of the Court, which was done the Procuradores of Nellacunte's son presented a Petition to the Court that the same might [be secured till y^e^: sons arriveall, and y^t^: y^e^: writeings] and acco^ts^: may be produced by the woman &c^a^:

The woman appears by her Attorneys & alledges that she was his wife and ought to have her share of his Estate.

The Procuradores of Nellacunte's son alledged that she was a slave bought, and that she was not his wife nor could be by the Laws of y^t^: Cast and desired that the Cheif men of that Cast may be called to give their opinions therein.

The Court did not call the Cast to give their opinions, but after many Court days proceeded to give sentence that the woman was Nellacunte's wife, and ought to have a share of the Estate.

The President upon the foregoeing information (wherein he do's not assert every part to be exactly true) did acquaint the Judge that in all cases of that nature the opinion of the Cheif men of the Cast was to be inquired who are the only competent Judges of their own Customes, and by the order and Practice of the Court it is and ought to be allwais taken and observed, unless reason appear to the contrary, and therefore thô the Court had without their opinions passed sentence that she was a wife and ought to have a share of the Estate, Yet it was convenient to take the opinions of the Cast concerning the share. The Judge replyed that [it was his] intention soe to doe.

The President now enquireing of [y^e^: Judge] what was done therein, the Judge replyed [that] by that order of the Court the Cheif men of the Cast and Cheif Braminies were ordered [to attend] and give their opinions.

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The President enquireing who was [appointed] to name the men of the Cast and Braminies to be called, the Judge replyed that [Sampson] was ordered to doe it, as he remembered.

The President thereupon sending [to the] Register of the Court for a copy of the order of Court the same appears to run in these (words [ordered] that five or six of the Auncient Braminies att Triblecane that keep records, doe [give] in an acco^{t} the next Court day of the manners [customs] and ways of the severall Casts &c^{a}:) [wherein] there is no mention of the men of [the cast].

The Judge thereupon said that [at y^{e}: last before] sentence given that she was a [wife, he had] ask'd the Attorneys what they had [to say and] nothing being alledged, Judgement [passed when] was a convenient time for desireing [the men of] the Cast to be called, w^{ch}: was not done [by y^{e}: Attorneys].

M^{r}: Mead the Attorney being thereupon sent for and enquired, why he did not request the Courts Leave for bringing the men of the Cast to give their opinions in Court, He did here declare, that not once or twice, but many times, he had beg'd of the Court that the men of the Cast be sent for, and that the Procuradores of Nellacunte's son, had brought severall times in the Court severall of the Cuttaree Cast for that purpose, but they were never called or enquired of their opinion.

M^{r}: Lovell Attorney for the woman, declares that twice he saw severall people attending wth: Widee in the Court, but knew not of what Cast they were of, and that he himselfe did move the Court that the men of the Cast may be called to give their opinion, but upon inquirey being informed by Timapa that there was but one of the Cast in y^{e}: Town, desired the Court to appoint six Braminies of Triblecane to give their opinions concerning the share, being informed by Timapa that these Braminies kept registers of the Customs of the Cast.

M^{r}: Marshall Register of the Court declares that M^{r}: Mead did make a motion or request in y^{e}: Court once and no oftner that the men of the Cast may be sent for, but he having no [order from y^{e}:] Judge for entring the motion, it [was not] entered.

Upon the whole It is resolved [& ordered y^{t}:] in all cases depending in the Courts [between y^{e}:] Jentue &c^{a}: Casts of India, wherein [y^{e}: particular] Customs and Cerimonies of their [cast are] concerned, the Cheif men of the Cast [or such as] both parties do agree in, be by order [of y^{e}: Court] when requested by either party [called to give] their opinions in the Court on such [interrogatories as the Court shall thinke necessary [for facilitating] of their understanding of the Case [and that the] Register of the Court do transmit [a list of y^{e}:] names of the persons so appoint[ed] to the Justices of the Choultrey signed [w^{ch}: shall] be a sufficient order, and they [are ordered] upon receipt thereof to cause all the [persons] nominated in the said List to meet and attend [accordingly] untill they have agreed and [delivered] their opinions signed by each person.

The information made to the President by the overseers of Nellakuntes Estate is not true in all partes & some is grossly false informed by them.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.

JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

19. The following grant to M^{r}: John Coventry was signed & delivered to him.

To all persons [to] whome these Presents shall come.

The Hon^{ble}: Nath^{ll}: Higginson Esq^{r}: President of the Coast of Choromandell Bay of Bengall &c^{a}: and Gov^{r}: of Fort S^{t}: George & y^{e}: Councill send greeting.

Whereas John Coventry Inhabitant of this place hath by his Petition signified to us that he had been at great expence and trouble in contriveing and makeing an Engine for the drawing of water w^{ch}: when perfected would be a

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publick benefit and advantage to the place, and in consideration of his trouble and charge therein hath prayed us to grant unto him the sole liberty for makeing said Engine. We the President and Councill of and for the affairs of the Rt: Honble: English East India Comps: considering the reasonableness of his request, & for encouragement to him and others to Invent or make other Engines or things whereby the Publick may be profited doe for ourselves & successrs: grant unto him the said John Coventrey his heirs and assigns the sole liberty and Priviledge for makeing said Engine wth: three wheels for the drawing of water during the space of seven years, forbidding any other persons whatsoever within ffort St. George and the liberties thereof to make, or cause to be made any such Engine wth: three wheels for the Drawing of water, without liberty first obtained from the said John Coventrey, his [Heires or] Assignes under penalty of being fined as [the Justices of] the Choultrey shall thinke fitt [but in case any] Difference shall happen [to arrise] between the said John Coventrey and any other [person or] persons who shall Invent or [make any] other Engine or Engines, the same is hereby [declared] to be referred to the decission of the [Justices of] the Choultrey given under our hands [and] seal of the Rt: Honble: Company in [Fort St. George] this 19th: day of August 1695.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

Shipp Mahomed sailed for Bengall. 20.

Mr: John Cotter Supra Cargoe of shipp [Loyall Captain] arrived last night overland from [Pollicat] and this morning brought the Pacquet [from ye:] Deputy Governr: and Councill of Yorke [Fort] which being opened was found to containe their generall [lettr: dated] the 4th: June last, wth: the severall [other bookes and] Papers according to the list. 22.

Gave a Pass to Mr: Henry Griffith [bound to Battavia].

Shipp Loyall Captaine William [Legatt] master came into this road haveing lain 2 or 3 dayes in sight to the northward. MONDAY 26.

No Consultation. 27.

Dispatch't a Generall Letter to ffort St: David of this date Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for wheat &ca: Laden on board a Parr.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 29.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The warehousekeeper reports the weight of 25 [casks] of Cocheneal received by the Martha from Bengall wherein it is observed that the Cadiz Invoice [mentioned] 27 casks weighing Roves 205: 12: 8 (lb. oz.) at 180: (dollars.) ℔ Rove. The Bengall Invoice 25 casks poize 190 Rove [23 lb. 8 oz.] at 250 Dollers ¼ ℔ Rove, which weighs here 4: (rove.) 20: (lb.) [14: (oz.) ½ less] the weight being reckoned by Averdupoiz. [copy of] said report is entered after this Consultation.

Mr: William ffraser Storekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 400: on accot: Stores sold, and read his storekeepers accot: for the months of June

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and July last, and his warehousekeepers acco^{t}: for the month of July wherein there being an entry of three yards of aurora given to Allingall's son as a Tasherife upon his being made one of the cheif Merchants in his fathers [place and] there being no order of Consultation appointing him in that station, Thô a Tasherife was delivered him in respect to his father, It is ordered that the said Entrey be razed out, and the said three yards entred sold in the month of August, the money being now deliver'd the warehousekeep^{r}.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 2199: 9 fan^{s}: on acco^{t}: Sea Customs, and 27 fan^{s}: on acco^{t}: [of Freight] and read his acco^{t}: of sea Customs for the month of July particulars viz^{t}.

To Custome of goods Imported and Exported this month	Pag^{s}	1368: —: 23	
To Custome of grain	„	616: 33: 29	
Anchorage	„	58: —: —	
Tonnage	„	8: 12: —	
		2051: 9: 3	
To acco^{t}: ffreight ℔ ship Mary from ffort S^{t}: David ...		27: —	
	Pag^{s}	2052: —: 3	

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid [to M^{r}:] Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 5: 20 be paid [out of y^{e}] Pedenaigue money, being so much due from [them for y^{e}:] Scavengers duty for six months [past and that] for the future 2 p^{a}: 28 fanams [be paid] quarterly for the same.

Ordered that M^{r}: John [Fockett] have credit in the generall Bookes for [eight Pago^{s}: being so much paid by him to y^{e}: Doct^{r}: of y^{e}: Dorothy for Phisick in his Sickeness in y^{e}: yeare 1692 w^{ch}: has not] yet either been paid him, or allowed in accompt.

Ordered that Peter Perreira be Entertained to serve in this garrison as a souldier for two years from the twenty second day.

Woota Lingua the Town Conicoplie his Cowl having been dated by the Court of Admiralty in [*lacuna in the original*] to be voidable at the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: pleasure, whereupon it was ordered by the late Commissary &^{c}: in Councill the 27th: July 1693 that the Revenues be received and kept apart, till determined how to be disposed off, and that in the mean time the Conicoplie have a Provision made for him by imployment or maintenance and whereas the said provision has not been hitherto made, being desireous after y^{e}: Comissary's death to receive the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: directions therein. But the Conicoplie having a large family for the maintenance whereof he is run much in debt, and hath nothing to pay or feed his family with, occasions his great complaint and [may] put him upon troublesome courses for his reliefe. It is ordered that out of the money rec^{d}: since July 1693 which amounts to about 1200 Pag^{s}: [there be] paid him an allowance of Eighty Pag^{s}: ℔ annum, commencing from the primo August 1693 and that the same allowance be paid him for the future quarterly, till the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: orders do arrive, or till it be resolved [otherwise] here.

Generall Letters to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: [to the] Generall of India and to the President & Councill of Surrat and to the Cheif and Councill [att] Rhetorah all of this date read and approved.

The Court Martial held the 17th: Instant among others sentenced John Kiffith [to be] punished for plotting to desert the garrison &^{ca}: and after the punishment appointed [to] continue under confinement till an [oppertunity] presents for Exchanging him for another [man] belonging to an Europe

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Shipp in order to his returne to Europe, the same is approved he appearing to be a troublesome and dangerous man.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

[ACCOUNT OF 25 CASKS COCHENEALL REC^{D} : FROM BENGALL PER SHIPP MARTHA AND WEIGHED HERE BY AVERDUPOIZE

		Weights viz^{t} R. lb. oz.	lb. gll. lb. oz.
No. 1	poize	1 : 2 : 25 : ¼	
	Tare	1 . 9	nett 1 : 2 : 23 : 11
„ 2		1 : 2 : 4	
	Tare	1 : 9¾	„ 1 : 2 : 26¼
„ 3		1 : 3 : 11⅜	
	Tare	1 : 9	„ 1 : 3 : 9 : 13
„ 4		1 : 3 : 7 : ½	
	Tare	1 : 9¼	„ 1 : 3 : 5 : 14¾
„ 5		2 : 1 : 20 : ½	
	Tare	2 : 7¼	„ 2 : 1 : 18 : ¾
„ 6		1 : 3 : 6 : ¾	
	Tare	1 : 11 : ½	„ 1 : 3 : : ½
„ 7		1 : 3 : 3 : ¾	
	Tare	1 : 9 : ¼	„ 1 : 3 : 2 : 2 : ¾
„ 8		1 : 3 : 6 :	
	Tare	2 : 1 : ½	„ 1 : 3 : 3 : 14 : ½
„ 9		1 : 3 : 3 : ¾	
	Tare	1 : 10 .	„ 1 : 3 : 2 : 2
„ 10		1 : 1 : 17 : ½	
	Tare	1 : ½	„ 1 : 1 : 16 : 7 : ½
„ 11		1 : 1 : 19 : ½	
	Tare	1 : 3 : ¼	„ 1 : 1 . 18 : 4 : ¼
„ 12		1 : 1 : 20	
	Tare	1 : 08	„ 1 : 1 : 18 : 8
„ 13		1 : 1 : 19 : ¾	
	Tare	1 : 10 : ¾	„ 1 : 1 : 18 : 1¼
		lb.	22 : = : 4 : 6 : ½
		Roves.	186 : 2 : 9 : ¾
„ 14		1 : 1 : 24	
	Tare	13	nett 1 : 1 : 22 : ¾
„ 15		1 : 1 : 20¼	
	Tare	1 : 2	„ 1 : 1 : 19 : 2
„ 16		1 : 1 : 24	
	Tare	1 : 6	„ 1 : 1 : 22 :
„ 17		1 : 2 : 23 : ¾	
	Tare	1 : 8¼	„ 1 : 2 : 22 : ¾
„ 18		1 : 1 : 20 : ¼	
	Tare	1 : 2 :	„ 1 : 1 : 19 : 2
„ 19		1 : 1 : 14¾	
	Tare	1 : 2¾	„ 1 : 1 : 13 : 9½
„ 20		1 : 2 : 20 : ½	
	Tare	1 8¾	„ 1 : 2 : 19 : 15¼
„ 21		1 : 3 : 3 : ⅜	
*	Tare	1 : 10 : ½	„ 1 : 3 : 1 : 11½
„ 23		1 : 3 : 22 : ¾	
*	Tare	1 : 14 : ¾	„ 1 : 3 : 20 : 13¼

[* 22 and 24 omitted.]

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No. 25		1 : 3 : 14 : ¼		
	Tare	2 : 2		
	Taken out	= 1	„	1 : 3 : 11 : 2
„ 26		1 : 2 : 26 : ¼		
	Tare	1 : 8 : ½	„	1 : 2 : 24 : 11½
„ 27		1 : 3 : =		
	Tare	1 : 10½	„	1 : 2 : 26 : 5½
				19 : 2 : — 3 : ¾
				22 : — 4 : 6 : ½
				41 : 2 : 4 : 9 : ¾

	ro.	lb.	oz.
Note that ye : Invoyce from Cadiz mentions 27 Casks said to poize	205 :	12 :	8
Casks 25 att Bengall according to theire Invoyce	190 :	23 :	8
Recd : here 25 Casks poize nett at 25lb : per rove	186 :	2 :	9¾
The Invoyce from Bengall differs from yt : of Cadiz ...	14 :	14 :	
The Bengall Invoyce differs from ye : acct : taken here ...	4 :	20 :	14 : ¼
The differences of ye : acct : from Cadiz of 27 Casks and ye : acct : taken here of 25 Casks comes short	19 :	9 :	14 : ½
Note that [in] ye : Invoyce from Cadiz it is mentioned att ps : ⅛ per rove	182 : per rove		
And in ye : Invoyce from Bengall its only att	250¼ per rove.		

The above quantity of Cocheneall being 25 Casks, ye : particulars as above weighed in the presence off.

WM : FRAZER.
ED : TREDCROFT.
THOS : LOWELL.

31. Received a generall lett : from Fort St David dated the 27 Instant.

This evening the following generall letters were all dispatched vizt : To the Deputy Govr : and Councill att Fort St David, and to the Govr : and Councill of Trimcombarr both of yesterdayes date, Incloseing a generall letter to the Rt : Honble : Company dated ye : 29th : Instant to be sent by the Danes Shipps also to ye : Worpll : John Burnistone cheif of Callicut dated ye : 20th : June past, and to Mr : John Braborne cheif &ca : Councill att Anjengo dated ye : 29 Instant.

MONDAY SEPTR : 2. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : PRESIDT : &CA :
MR : WM : FRAZER MR : JON : STYLEMAN
MR : THOS : WRIGHT MR : ED : TREDCROFT.

Mr : Frazer Warehouskeeper pays into the Right Honble : Comps : Cash Pagods : 1000 on acct : of goods sould.

Mr : Thos : Wright paymaster read his accts : for the Month of July last particulars vizt :

Charges Garrison	Pagods :	844 :	35 :
Charges generall	„	545 :	6 :
Charges Merchandize	„	25 :	= :
Charges Cattle	„	58 :	31 :
Fort St David	„	9 :	17 :
Narrains Journey to ye : Camp	„	117 :	23 :
Tonqueen Factory	„	109 :	93 :
Vizagapatam Factory	„	7 :	9 :
Yegmore &ca : Towns	„	= :	18 :
Fortifications and repairs	„	131 :	23 :
Charges Diett	„	617 :	26 :
	Pagods :	2521 :	11 :]

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Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymast^{r}: [2ND] for defraying Charges Garrison.

Ordered that Lewis de Rosairo and Domingos Mendes Emanuel Portuguez be entertained to serve as souldiers in this Garrison.

M^{r}: Edward Mountague Prov^{ll}: Land Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 175 on that acco^{t}.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to Trenada Chittee, being for one Bill drawn upon us by the Deputy Gov^{r}: and Councill of Fort S^{t}: David, as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 27th: past.

Four persons Viz^{t}: Conte Vincateputtee Pollee China Tombo, Cuttee Gando and Ya Gando having been committed to the choultrey for the murder of one Armagon, and the Attorney Generall having taken the Examination of severall wittnesses w^{ch}: fixes the act upon Conte Vincatepute and Polle China Tombo. It is ordered that he prosecute in the Court of Admiralty them, or so many as shall upon further examination appear to be guilty of, or concerned in the act.

Having perused M^{r}: Constables acco^{t}: stated by M^{r}: Styleman according to the Fort S^{t}: David answer dated the 3^{d}: May to M^{r}: Constable's observations, & a reply now given by M^{r}: Constable to the said answ^{r}: wherein he demands credit for Pag^{s}: 218: 2: 3 besides 29: 12: 3 allowed him by M^{r}: Stylemans account. The particulars of M^{r}: Constables demand were considered one after another, and it is resolved [that he] be allowed Pag^{s}: 5: 26: 4 for a short credit [on gun] powder, and Pag^{s}: 9: Dammage in his garden [rented] for want of a well, which amounts to Pag^{s}: [14: 26: 4:] which wth: the 29: 12: 3 before mentioned is [Pa^{s}: 44: 3: 1;] which deducted from Pag^{s}: 393: 13: 5 the [sume due] from him to balance by the ffort S^{t}: David [Bookes] Letter D there remains now due from [him Pag^{s}:] 349: 10: 4 M^{r}: Constable being acquainted [therewith] do's alledge that he is not able at present [to pay] but offers his bond for payment in twelve [months'] time by quarterly payments.

Ordered that one Butt of Sherry be divided among the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: married servants now upon the place, as follows Viz^{t}: M^{r}: Styleman 30 Gallons, M^{r}: Empson, M^{r}: Hiller and M^{r}: Mead 20 Gallons each and Doctor Brown 15 gallons.

Edward Rawdon Servant to Doctor Bulkley having served near three years at Pag^{s}: one & two ℔ mensem. It is ordered that the Paym^{r}: do pay him three Pag^{s}: ℔ mensem till further order.

M^{r}: ffraser the last Consultation day made a mention of som persons who would make proposealls for the Comp^{s}: advantage might they have an Instrument in writeing to secure them from the threatnings of som persons which as discoursed not being well understood, he was desired to reduce it into writeing, which he now produces (and is ordered to be entered after this Consultation) but not thinking it expedient to let any one of us know either the Proposers, or the nature of that from whence the advantage must arrise, nor the persons from whom the proposers apprehend obstruction and prejudice. He is desired to produce to us a draught of the Instrument of writeing desired for the security of the Proposers.

The President doth observe that in the Consultation of the 19th: past in the foul draught M^{r}: ffraser hath entered against his name these words [I signe to the resolution of the Councill being y^{e}: conclusive part of this paper] but when he signed y^{e}: Consultation entered fair, he subscribed these words [The information made to the President by the Overseers of Nellakunta's Estate is not true in all parts, and som is grossly false informed by them]. The President doth in the same paper own that he doth not affirm every part of that information to be true, but did then desire M^{r}: ffraser to informe him wherein he was wrong, M^{r}: ffraser did not then say any thing against it, only that he could not signe it all as true and that he had forbid the [reading of a] paper in Court which contained strange [things and] if M^{r}: ffraser did then know any thing [contained] therein was false, he ought to have declared it [nor ought] he to write any exceptions or

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notes in the [faire] Consultation Booke but what was entered in the foul, except the same be done publick[ley in] Councill, and the President doth desire: Mr: ffraser to declare wherein those Informations are grossly false.

I have formerly as well as now say, that the paper relating to the entering of Nellakuntees house wch: I hindered to be read in Court mentioned those ꝑsons to have entered said house 3 or 4 severall times with abusive Language to the widdow.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

To the HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR:
PRESIDT: & GOVR: OF FORT ST: GEORGE
&CA: COUNCILL.

I did on the 29th: of the last month in Consultation insinuate to your Honr: &ca: that there were som persons native Inhabitants of this place [that] would propose an advantage of 400 Pags: ꝑ annm: to the Honble: Company, besides the saveing of their Honrs: charge of 50 Pags: ꝑ annum wch: have been paid hitherto, on condition that their proposalls [be accepted, and theire desire granted, in order to wch: they humbly crave that yr: Honr: &ca: would please to secure them by an Instrument of writeing under yr: Honr: and ye: Councill hands against the feares and threatnings of some persons whom they have cause to believe would not only oppose them, but might greatly prejudice them were this theire designe known, wch: is ye: reason they yet conceale theire names, ye: multiplicity of buisiness before us ye: last Consultation day was the occasion I forbore speakeing of it till ye: close of that days Consultation wch: is all att present that offers but that I am.

Yr: most humble Servant
WILLIAM FRAZER.

Fort St George
2d: September 1695.

3. Shipp Sta: Rosa Augustin Hart master sailed for Mallacca.

The St David Yatch arrived here from Fort St David and brought a genll: lettr: from ye: Deputy Govr: &ca: dated ye: ultimo August incloseing Invoyce and bill of ladeing for 62 bales upon perusall whereof the following order was sent by ye: President to ye: Councill to be signed vizt:.

Ordered that 62 Bales &ca: be unladen from on board the St David Yatch with all expedition.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WM: FRAZER.
ED: TREDCROFT.
JOH: STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.

Fort St George
3d: September 1695.

5. Delivered Passes to shipp Welcombe bound to Pegue and to shipp Mahomed bound to Tennasseree.

4. Shipps Welcome and St Anthony sailed for Pegue.

THURSDAY 5. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WM: FRAZER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOS: WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Generall Lettr: received last night from ye: Generall dated ye: 5 of July read, adviseing his intentions of sending the William and Mary with Cotton hither and to carry the Cocheneall from hence to Surratt, to supply Anjengo wth:

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money and stores w^ch^: cannot be done from hence for want of stocke, to send salt Petre to Surratt as oppertunity presents for kentilageing of shipps.

As to y^e^: Cocheneall it is ready packed for putting aboard when the shipp shall come.

Resolved that a lett^r^: be imediately sent to M^r^: Braborne &c^a^: at Anjengo w^th^: a list of what stores may be procured or spared here, that wee may receive here an acco^t^: from them before the William and Mary arrives of what they want.

The Warehouskeep^r^: reports y^t^: in 19 Bales of cloth received from Fort St David by y^e^: St David Yatch there is 231 peeces of longcloth and 36 p^s^: salampores damaged, which he is ordered to rewash, and to deduct the charges from the freight, after w^ch^: if any of y^e^: cloth shall appear to be rotten, to be delivered to the owners of the sloop, who are to pay for the same.

M^r^ ffraser produces the draught of a paper to be signed by us relating to the matter of Consultation of Monday last, but 'tis referred' till next meeting.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

DRAUGHT OF A COWLE

Whereas we are certainly informed that there are som persons native Inhabitants of this Town that have a Proposall to offer of 400 Pag^s^: ℔ annum as an increase to the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Revenue upon such conditions as should be agreed to [by] the President and Councill, and the said persons who have hitherto not only conceal'd [theire names] but the matter and manner by [w^ch^: such] an advantage or Revenue may arise [from because] they are under som apprehensions of [fear from] som other of the Casts, that would [not only oppose] them in their designe, but endeavour [to prejudice] them otherwise, wherefore they doe [request] we give them a writeing under our [hands] to secure them from the apprehensions [of] their fear, and then they will offer us [theire] Proposalls, We having considered [this matter] do thinke it expedient to gratify them [in theire] desire. Therefore wee the President [and] Councill of ffort S^t^: George for affairs of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Company to incourage the [said] persons doe by these presents promise [certifie] and assure you all and every of you concerned in the matter you designe to propose to us as aforesaid to secure you against any such person or persons as shall any way, wrong threaten or injure you in your honest lawfull business, and justice shall be done upon such persons so soon as you shall give us or any of the Justices of the Choultrey notice, any harme or prejudice any of you may or shall receive from such persons, given under our hands at ffort S^t^: [George] y^e^: 5^th^: day of Septem^r^.: 1695.

Shipp Mahomodee William Ryder Pilot sailed for Teñasseree. 5.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter of this date [to M^r^: Jo^n^:] Braborne and Councill at Anjengo, incloseing a [list of] what stores and arms could be spared. 6.

This morning the President being informed [that] Munh^r^: Simons Fiscall Generall accomp[anied] by three of the Councill of Negapatam [were] comeing to Town, desired M^r^: fraser and [M^r^: Wright] to meet them at M^r^: Afflecks garden, and [upon] their comeing to Towne and unto the ffort were welcomed [with] 15 Guns by whom rec^d^: a Letter from Gov^r^: Pitt dated the $\frac{7}{17}$ Instant adviseing that he had sent the aforesaid persons to tender his [service] to the President, which he was uncapable of doeing himselfe by reason of his indisposition and that he had rec^d^: Letters from Holland dated the 23^d^: March last which advised that y^e^: [French] were prepareing a considerable number [of shipps] for 8.

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India, but by reason of their being fitted in severall Harbours the number was [uncertaine] said Letter allso advised the unwelcome [news] of the Death of the Queen of England [ye: Fiscall] &ca: being Entertained at a handsom [dinner] and supper and Govr: Pitts Letter answer[ed] about Eleven o'clocke they sett out for [Sadrassapatam] being saluted at their departure wth: [21 Guñs] and attended a mile out of Towne by Mr: Frazer and Mr: Wright.

9. This morning Govr: Pitt passed through [this road] in a small sloop, and was saluted by the [Fort] wth: 21 guns, in returne of the Guns he [gave the] Fort when he passed by to Pollicat, and Mr: ffraser and Mr: Wright went off to complemt: and invite him ashore, but he excused himself by reason of his Ilness.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 5th Instant.

WEDNESDAY 11. ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRORDINARY

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Rt: Honble: Company having long since withdrawn their factory from Pegue, & forbidden makeing any settlement again at their charge, but doth expressly permit and encourage the carrying on of private trade from this Port, and whereas the King of Pegue doth yet continue the use of the English factory to all English ships which goe thither for trade or repair, undr: the name and Priviledge of the Company, and it being for the Rt: Honble: Comps: service that the Ancient Priviledges of the factory be preserved, and the trade mannaged by due regulation as [well for] the benefitt of the Private trade at present as for their own business if hereafter they should find reason to resettle, which Priviledges probably may be impaired or lost partly by the disorderly carriage and partly by the ignorance of private Merchts: unacquainted with the Customs of the place, and there being a good opportunity by a ship now goeing whereby there will be occasion to adress the King of Pegue in behalf of Bartho: Rodriguez's ship lost three years past on that Coast and the Cargo secured, and an Inhabitant of this place who dyed there and his Estate secured by the Government for the claims of his widdow or heirs, wherein Mr: Edward Fleetwood and Capt: James Lesslie are employed and the King's officers at Serian having often declared to the English their great desire of our resetling. The Presidt: hath prepared Instructions to direct them in treating wth: the King as well relating to ye: release of Bartholomew Rodriguez and Adrian Tilbary's Estate, as the setling of the trade and procureing Priviledges, which were read and approved.

There being a mention in the said Instrucons of a present to be made to the King, and returne expected to be received from him, which the President doeth therein declare to be all for his accot: except ten ℔ cent allowed [to ye: Factors] Hee doeth thereupon acquaint the [Councill] wth: the reasons thereof and desires their [oppinions] therein.

Bartholomew Rodriguez orderd [ye: provision] of a Present for the King, which being [soe small] the Presidt: has added as much [more on] his own risgoe. The King of Ava [useth to cause all] Presents to be valued by his own [people and] accordingly makes a returne generally [to ye:] full value, but when the party doeth [obtaine from] the King the grant of som Priviledges [or great] boon that is of equal value or greater [then ye:] Present, then he makes a returne of ⅓ ½ or [⅔ according] to the nature of the grant as those who have [presented] the King and have obtained from him an abatement of ⅓ or ¼ part of the Customs, have allwais found that which is now demanded of the King being ye: delivery of a ship and Cargo (supposed to be [worth] [*Lacuna in I.O. copy.*] Pags:

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forfeited by the Laws of his count[rey]) is so considerable that in all probability if y^e^: King doth grant it he will make but a very small returne or none for a small Present if he delivers the Cargo. However it cannot be expected that he will abate [any] thing of the Customs to the English. Therefore the President doeth enlarge the present at his [own cost] to render it the more acceptable and effectual as well for the releasement of Bartho: Rodriguez as for the procuring Priviledges of trade in the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: name, for the generall good, and is content to run the risgo of [y^e^: sea] and to accept of what the King of Pegue shall give in returne of the present, thô it be less, & therefore thinkes it reasonable he should enjoy the benefit of it if it be more and he is so far from expecting great advantages by it, that he will be content to quit all pretensions to any part of the returnes, if any one will secure to him a profit upon the money expended here equal to the profit shall be made by others upon their own adventures.

M^r^: John Affleck, who is Attorney to Bartho: Rodriguez being sent for did declare he was satisfied in the Presidents proposall, and after full consideration of y^e^: hazard and all circumstances of the case, It is [approved] as just and reasonable.

The Arrac farmers paid into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: [cash] Pag^s^: 166: 24: fanams on that acco^t^.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 12.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^r^: Edmund Mountague, Prov^ll^: Land Customer read his acco^tt^: for the months of July and August particulars Viz^t^.

JULY.	Choultrey Custome	Pag^s^	[117: 27:]	55
	Triblecane Custome	„	[—: 8:]	33
	Rubie Brokers...	„	[52: 31:]	40
	Cloth Brokers	„	[6.: 29:]	48
		Pag^s^	[177: 25:]	16
AUGUST.	Choultrey Custome	Pag^s^	125: [34: 20]	
	Triblecane Custome	„	—: [5: 5]	
	Rubie Brokers	„	38: [34: 30]	
	Cloth Brokers	„	8: [19: 28]	
		„	173: [21: 03]	

The President read his acco^t^: of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash for the month of August last the Balance being Pag^s^: 3777: 22: 2 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his acco^t^: of Passes for ditto month and paid into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: 8: 24 fan^s^: on y^t^: acco^t^.

M^r^: William Fraser warehousekeep^r^: read his acco^t^: of the warehouse for the month of August last.

Ordered that Simon Perres and [*lacuna in the original*] be entertained to serve as souldiers in this garrison or any other for two years.

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Ordered that Pag^{s} : 388 : 8¼ fa : be paid to Mess^{rs} : John Cotter and William Legatt, being for one bill of Exchange for Dollers 660 drawn by the Deputy Gov^{r} : & Councill of York Fort dated the 4th : June 1695.

Upon consideration of a draught of a Cowle produced by M^{r} : Fraser the 5th : Instant, It is Judged not convenient to signe it, because the signing of such a paper is without President and needless because it obliges us only to that which wee are all ready bound to by oath, and it doeth carry with itselfe a reflection upon all the Councill but M^{r} : Fraser, as persons not fitt to be trusted, and it is declared by the President and the rest of the Councill that it is their opinions, that M^{r} : Fraser ought to declare to them the matter intended by that Paper, because he sai's he can open [a skreen] which will detect many strange practices & [frauds] if the signing of the paper were conceded too.

Wallachy Chittee &c^{a} : Beetle and Tobacco farmers pay into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : 516 : 24 on y^{t} : acco^{t}.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : 516 : 24 be paid to M^{r} : Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

NATH : HIGGINSON.

I will draw the reasons in a Paper apart, by w^{ch} : it will appear it was not safe to divulge the ℔sons names &c^{a} : } WILL : FRASER.

W.F.

JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

12. Ship Loyall Captain Armiger Gostlin Master sailed for Pegue.

13. This Evening Ship Eagle John Cockroft [Master] arrived from Bengall by whom rec^{d} : a generall Letter from the Agent &c^{a} : dated the 19th : August last and the Agent &c^{a} : charge against M^{r} : Braddyll dated 14th : August, and M^{r} : Braddyll Answer thereunto &c^{a} : papers as ℔ List.

14. Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}. David Inclosing [*lacuna in I.O. copy*].

15. Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}. David [dated 11th :] Instant.

Briggantine Acheen Merchant Robert Masfen master arrived from Bengall by whom rec^{d} : a Generall Letter from the Agent &c^{a} : dated 22nd : August, allso Cop^{s} : of y^{e} : Agent &c^{a} : charge against M^{r} : Braddyl and his [answer] and the Agent &c^{a} : reply thereunto &c^{a} : papers.

17. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESID^{T} : & GOV^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^{r} : William Fraser warehousekeep^{r} : pays into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : 1000 on account goods sold.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : 184 be paid to M^{r} : Batson Pearson, being for one bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Gov^{r} : and Councill [of Fort S^{t} :] David dated the 11th : Instant as advised in their General Letter dated the [*lacuna in the original*].

Ordered that Pag^{s} : 1500 be paid to the Merchants in further part of their last contracts in Novemb^{r} : and December last for 15000 Pag^{s}.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : 1000 be paid to Latcheme Chittee being for one bill ordered to be paid the 2^{d} : Instant to Trenadah Chittee, but he being dead before paym^{t} : was demanded, it was defer'd till further advice, and Latcheme Chittee now produceing a second bill payable to himselfe drawn by the Dept^{y} : Gov^{r} : and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 10th : Ins^{t} : the same is ordered to be paid.

The President acquaints that M^{r} : Peter Elzeveir of the Councill of Pollicat, bringing wth : him [a letter] from Govern^{r} : Pitt to assist him in y^{e} : accomodating

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of the controversy depending between him and the Heirs of Pedro Tores. The President did on Friday last send for the parties concerned, who, did [in] his presence signe a writeing of agreement [by] which the Heirs of Pedro Tores are to pay [Peter Elzevier] in full of all demands of the [Heires of Thos: Kerdetto Pags: 1175 in pursuance of wch: agreemt: they last night signed mutuall releases wch: are left in ye: hands of ye: President to be exchanged when ye: money is paid. Notice is taken thereof, because there is severall [times mention] made of this business in former Consultations and in our Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Compa: dated the 19th: January 169$\frac{4}{5}$ wherein [theire Honrs:] direction is desired for the proceeding [of ye: Co]urts.

Allso that one Cojee Fuckree a Moor [man and] shopkeeper being indebted to Cojee Gregorie Armenian and others they suspecting [his] intention of running away in their [debts caused] him to be arrested and imprisoned. Cojee [Fuckaree] wrote Letters to his freinds in the camp complaining of his imprisonment and the [Nabob] was solicited in his behalfe. But one of his freinds sent back his Letter of Complaint to Cojee Gregorie with a list of goods he [pretended] himself rob'd of in Fort St. George amounting to two or three thousand Pags: upon information whereof the President caused Cojee Fuckree and Ten Persian and Moor Inhabitants [to be] summoned, and before them [accomodated] ye: demands of his Creditors, w[hereupon] he was discharged from his [confinement] after wch: ye: Letter and List [of complaints being produced and read before them all, being willing to excuse theire Countrieman said he was mad when he did it, but declared it was all a lye] and readily signed their names and seals to ye: paper testifying that it was false, and Cojee Fuckree himself allso signed in the same manner, wch: attestation is kept to be sent to the Nabob as occasion requires.

There being a parcell of planke offering to sale at outcry. It is ordered that Mr: Hiller do buy soe many for the Rt: Honble: Companys accot: as are wanting, either for the finishing of the new House or for stores.

The Bengall Letters received by the Eagle and Briggantine Acheen Merchant relating [to] Mr: Braddyl, perused in part.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 18TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT — MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

There being severall Inhabitants [concerned] in shipping as well as strangers trading to and from this Port, complaining of Dammages to the[ire shipps] by means of the foulness of the road occasioned by wrecks of shipps and Anchors lost, to remedy wch: wee have formerly agreed with the mucquaw men &ca: to incourage their endeavours to clear [ye: road] of all Anchors and wrecks promised to [them one] third of the amount of each Anchor they [should] find and bring ashore out of the road as [soone as ye:] same was sold, which we have hitherto performed to them, but understanding by them that they are not contended wth: that allowance, & have of late been backward of cleaning the road; It is agreed for their further incouragement that they be henceforth allowed halfe of what each Anchor they shall find shall be valued at, at the rate of Pags: 3$\frac{1}{4}$ per lb. weight.

Ordered that Stakes of Toddy trees be drove at a small distance before the Sea gate Platform to prevent it from ye: injury of ye: sea in ye: monsoon time.

While discourseing upon other matters Mr: Fraser takes occasion to mention his having about a year agoe demanded a blanke Cowle, for the security of a person or persons who offer'd to discover some: practics: for induceing witnesses

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to confess against Mr: Dolben, and 'twas denyed, which he has frequently talk'd of before and now repeats, affirming that he then declared upon granting of a Cowle to secure them from harme, the parties would declare the manner, way and circumstance, time place and words how he was induced to confess against Mr: Dolben and that a Commission with a seal to it was shown him. But the President doth declare till this time, he never heard Mr: Fraser or any other speake concerning a Commission, wth: a seal being shown to a black fellow, and Mr: Styleman and Mr: Wright doth declare not till Mr: Fraser told them apart about three or four days agoe. The President apprehending himself to be particularly meant because he keeps ye: Commissions, doth therefore desire Mr: Fraser to explain himself intelligibley and particularly, that the meaning of the accusation may be understood, and he doth promise to give a fair and direct answer. In the mean time he doth at Mr: Fraser's request, own yt: he heard Mr: Fraser speake something concerning a commission, by which he understood [not more] but that somebody had spoke something to [somebody] concerning a Commission, in order to induce him to a confession against Mr: Dolben being [desireous] that he and Mr: Fraser may come to a right understanding in the matter, that there may [be noe] further discourse to interrupt business.

Mr: Fraser doth now answer that [ye: cowle] was then refused, and now the oppertunity is lost, which was the condition of bringing things to light, and knowing whether they were true or false, and therefore do's not thinke fitt to declare it now.

Nath: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.
Jo: Styleman.
Tho: Wright.
Ed: Tredcroft.

18, Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dat: 14th: Instant.

21. Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to Mr: John Braborne &c: Councill at Rhetorah of yesterdays date Incloseing copy of our Letter dated the 6th: Instant.

Monday 23. Att a Consultation

Present

The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Presidt: & Governr:
Mr: William Fraser Mr: John Styleman
Mr: Thomas Wright Mr: Edward Tredcroft.

Upon perusall of the Bengall charge against Mr: Roger Braddyl dated the 14th: August, Mr: Braddyls answer without date, and the Agent &ca: reply. The following observations and resolves are made Vizt.

That Mr: Roger Braddyl ought to pay the 1600 Rupees which he confesses himself indebted to Muttradass, and that Muttradass deliver him Mr: Braddyls original bill for two thousand rups: if to be found, but if lost that Muttradass give him such a receipt as the Agent and Councill shall thinke fitt, and that an entry be made in their Consultation of the payment.

That thô there be not a formal court of Judicature Erected in Bengall, yet the Agent and Councill have a power by the kings charter for doeing justice between man and man, and punishing misdemeanours by fineing and confineing as occasion requires, and giveing corporal punishment to the souldiers &ca: and the Agent is invested by the Rt: Honble: Comps: Generall Letter dated January [*lacuna in I.O. copy*] 169¾ wth: the authority of appointing cheifs and Councillors, and suspending any person that [appears] to deserve it from the Councill or the Rt: Honble: Comps: Service, and that wee are not to interpose [our] authority without there appears manifest [cause].

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That the coining of silver in the mint of [Rajamaull] belonging to the Rt: Honble: Comps: Servants or [freemen] permitted, is allowable by the Rt: Honble: Comps: Indulgence of private trade, and has been [practised] all English being in the opinion of ye: Governr: included under the Companys Priviledge.

That the natives paying five ℔ Cent custome [for] coinage, and the Companys priviledge being [custome] free, the coining of silver belonging to the [natives] under the Comps name may indanger their [priviledge] being called in question by the governmt: [and they] who practice it, are guilty of a great [breach of] trust.

That by many circumstances alledgd [and some] proved by the Agent and Councill there appears a credible probability that Mr: Braddyl hath coined a considerable quantity of silver belonging to the natives in his own name and under the Comps priviledge, upon a contract wth: ye owners for a certain profit ℔ Cent, thô the quantity doth not appear, and tis the more credible, because Mr: Braddyl doth not endeavour to clear himself by rendring a fair particular accot: of what he hath bought and coined, but by evasive answers and plausible arguments.

That if Mr: Braddyl or any other of the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants hath coined silver wch belonged to natives, in their own name and for their own profit, they are justly fineable to the Rt: Honble: Company for their breach of trust, according as the matter of fact appears, and the quantity of silver coin'd.

That Mr: Braddyl ought to render an accot to the Agent and Councill of all silver coin'd by him in ye: Mint dureing his residence there as Mintmaster or since, both for the Rt: Honble: Compa: himself or others.

That he render an account of all the silver he sai's he bought of Muttradass, Gollechund or other Merchants and coin'd in the mint for his own accot: wth: an accot: how and when he paid them for the silver bought.

That if he does not render a satisfactory accot: further inquirey be made, either by gaining a copy of the Mint Register, if it may be safely done without prejudice, and examining those servts: English or Natives that assisted Mr: Braddyl in the keeping the Mint accots: thô the mint accot: will not prove who the silver belonged to, yet it will probably prove the quantity coin'd by Mr: Braddyl, and it will lye upon him to make appear how he came by it.

For prevention of the like practices [for ye: future]. It is resolved that no English do coin or cause to [be] coin[ed] in the mints of Bengall under [ye: name] or priviledge of the Company, any silver or gould belonging to or bought of the Natives, [unless] bought by the Agent and Councill or [by theire] order for the Rt Honble Companys accot & [occasions]. The reason is plaine, the countrey [Government] to incourage the importation of silver [grants] the Company a priviledge of coining [custome free] the silver which they import, but do [not thereby] intend, that the English may coin [custome free] silver which comes into their countrey [by other] means, and wch must at last enter in the [mint and] pay the king five ℔ Cent custom.

That no silver or goods belonging [to ye: English] doe pass from Calcutta, or other parts into ye [countrey] but by the Agents Dustick only, all Dusticks to be registred, and the entrys to be read monthly in Consultation.

The Agent &ca: charge Mr: Braddyl wth: paying Muttradass &ca: out of the mint wth; ye produce of the Comps: silver, and afterwards in lieu thereof sending the merchants silver to Calcutta.

Mr: Braddyl answers that the generall books make it appear that he sent the Comps: rupees in due time, which may be true if by due time [he means ye: usuall time and yet it may be also true that he delivered ye: rupees to the Merchants, and therefore Mr: Bradyl ought to give further answer to that point.

The Agent &ca: alleadges that Mr. Bradill sending the Assays of accot: of burning of the silver to Muttradass is an argument that he coined ye: silver for Muttradass accot: Mr: Braddyl answers yt: noe silver is bought or sold but by Assay, by wch: he would have it to be understood yt: the reason of sending ye: Assayes was to adjust ye: price, but as the Agent &ca: replyes the value of Dollrs:

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being known they are bought and sould without assayes, and therefore Mr: Bradyles sending ye: Assayes to Muttradass is a demonstration yt: he esteemed himself answerable to Muttradass for ye: accot: of Coinage.

Notwithstanding ye: plausible accot: wch: Mr: Bradyl gives of ye: lettrs: from Rajamaul, and ye: notes he sent to ye: Agent, yet its ye: oppinion of ye: Agent and Councill that he did contrive the lettr: from Rajamaul concerning ye: stoppage of ye: Mint and his threatning notes of advices to ye: Agent to prevent ye: further discovery of his private intreagues wth: Muttradass, and there are two circumstances wch: render it probable.

1. Because those that are resident att ye: Mint did not heare of any stoppage.

2. There has yet appeared noe reason to thinke that the Countrey Goverment has had any notice of this buisiness, but ye: sence of Mr: Bradyls notes and the argument thereupon pro and con are not cleare, in one he writes (Muttradass sold noe silver) if he means that Muttradass sould none to him, then he coined it for Muttradass in his own name and it fixes upon him yt: wch: is charged by ye: Agent &ca: and considering that yt: seems to be ye: ground of his trouble and concerne, cannot imagine any other meaning of ye: words.

Mr: Bradyl objects against ye: credibility of the accusation, because it was 2 yeares since he left of comeing, and why was he not accused before now, but ye: Agent &ca: affirme they did not know it, till informed by Muttradass, He also affirmes that others are guilty of ye: same and not prosecuted, but it appeares yt: he only meanes, they are guilty only of coining theire own silver as usual for he owns himself guilty of nothing else and proves it to have been allowed by ye: Agent in ye: lettrs: wch: he referrs to between him and Agent Ellis concerning a designe of buying of silver for coining, but if Mr: Bradyl knows of any that has coined silver for ye: Natives he ought to discover it.

Upon ye: whole Mr: Bradyl hath not given a full clear and direct answer to ye: matter charged in any part, and ye: Agent and Councill doe not only declare themselves fully satisfied in theire oppinions that he is guilty of coining of silver for ye: Natives but doe also accuse him of behaveing himself verry disrespectfully to the Agent and Councill, and there is one expression in his answer wch: renders it verry probable vizt: (His Worship: &ca: Councill transgress ye: office of accusers and assume Judicature wch: only appertains to yr: Honr: &ca: so greedy they seem to have me judged guilty of a breach of trust) wch: discovers an ill principle, and it is noe wonder if he slighted those whome he thought had noe Authority over him.

Resolved that if Mr: Bradyl will really and ingeniously confess all yt: he hath coined for the Natives and make up ye: accots: with them, and give them satisfaction so farr as theire demands are just and pay into ye: Rt: Honble Comps: Cash so much as he hath unjustly gained by fathering the Natives silver and will heartley reconcile himself to the Agent and Councill, and will for ye: future behave himself wth: that civility and respect to them as he ought, he may continue his station but if he will not comply, or if ye: Agent shall find it necessary for ye: preventing of further trouble and faction, that he be separated from them and that he either come or be sent to Fort St. George by ye: first opportunity.

But because it is highley necessary that this buisiness be managed in Bengall wth: great secrecy & prudence as circumstances shall arrise, It is resolved that a generall lettr: be wrote to ye: Agent and Councill reprehending theire discords, and lightly touching upon Mr: Bradyls buisiness, but that our whole resolve and oppinion bee sent to ye: Agent himself in a lettr: apart, that he may be able to direct proceedings so as to prevent ye: feared prejudice to ye: Rt: Honble: Companies priveledge.

The foregoeing is our present result, but ye: matter of payeing ye: profitt gained by coining silver in ye: Mint into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash to be further considered.

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Mr: Wm: Frazer Warehousekeepr: payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 2,000 on accot: of goods sold.

Ordered that pagods: 1,000 be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defrayeing charges garrison.

The St. David Yatch now arriveing from Fort St. David brought us theire generall lettr: dated ye: 20th: Instant with ye: papers according to list, the Yatch haveing brought 64 Bales of Cloth amounting as per Invoyce to 3191 pa. : 35 fa. : 5 ca. : ordered yt: the Warehouskeeper cause ye: same to be unladen and ye: severall things mentioned in theire generall letter to be laden aboard for Fort St. David.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft sea customer payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagos: 1,300 on accot: of sea customs, and read his accot: of sea customs for ye: Month of August last particulars vizt.

To Custome of goods Imported and exported this Month	Pags:	1023 : 34 : 24
Do: on grain	„	303 : 21 : 49
Anchorage	„	26 : = : =
Tonnage	„	19 : 16 : =
	Pag :	1372 : 35 : 73

Ordered that Pagods: 76 : 25 : be paid to Servina Chittee for 1 cs. : 6 ps. : fine long clóath bought of him att 59 pagos: per Corge, the same person haveing brought in 78 ps: of the same sort, whereof 14 pieces are rejected and 64 received as fit for shirts and valued att 3 in ye: Corge less, and the owners not being willing to accept thereof It is ordered that the cloth be delivered to him again.

Ordered that Pags: 460 : 4 : be paid to Nino and Perrimaull being soe much due to them as the ballance of theire accot: for redwood, Carriages &cs: but there being a debt of 248 pags: standing under ye: head of redwood Merchants in generall Books Lettr: [*lacuna in original*] and uncertain who is ye: Debtor, redwood haveing been bought of severall persons, who are not particularly named, Its ordered that ye: reciept be so worded as to oblidge them to make good said Debt to ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: if it shall appear upon further examination that they are the Debtors.

Ordered that ye: following orders be sett upon the Gates of St. Thoma, Sea Gate and Choultrey Gate in ye: English and Portugueze Languages.

Whereas the Farmers complaine that ye: Portugueze bring Beetle and Tobacco in theire close Palankeens and ye: Palankeen boyes and servants attending English and Portugueze Palankeens do bring both Beetle and Tobacco in ye: bedding and wax cloths, Its ordered that no close Palankeens be admitted to come within ye: bounds & that ye: Peons belonging to ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: or the Farmers have liberty to looke into any Palankeens wch: they suspect, after the persons are gone out of them and if they find any beetle or tobacco there to take it away and all ye:] Inhabitants are desired to suffer the said peons to make search in a civil way to prevent the ill practices of their servants and Pallankeen boys it being not intended hereby to put any affront upon any of the Inhabitants. This order to commence from the last day of this month Dated in ffort St. George this 23rd: day of September 1695.

The Merchants being sent for to enquire what progress they make in stateing the accots of their old joint stocke. They give an accot: yt: proceeding first upon the Debt of Timapa he owns that the family ows so much to the joint stocke as is charged, by an accot: formerly stated, but he alledges that he had severall other demands [upon] the joint stocke, which they refused to hear. The merchants were ordered to receive Timapa's demands in writeing, and to give their answer thereunto in writing.

Ordered that on Wednesday next a special Court of Admiralty be held for the trial of ye: four criminals mentioned in Consultation of the 2d: Instant.

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Ordered that John Eacka be entertained to serve the Rt: Hon^ble: Company as a souldier in ys Garrison.

NATH: HIGGINSON. THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER. ED: TREDCROFT.
Jo: STYLEMAN.

23. Last night the St. David Yatch arrived here from [Fort St. David] by whom recd: a Generall Letter from the Deputy Govr: &ca: dated [*lacuna in the original*]. Incloseing Invoice and Bill of [ladeing] for sixty four Bales sent upon her.

THURSDAY 24.. ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY.

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The President summoned the Councill [at an] unseasonable time to acquaint them wth: ye: following.

Just before supper Kisna whom the Presidt: has employed as his servant for above seven years comeing to give an accot. of the days business tol[d] him wth: a trembling speech, expressing great [feare] and apprehensions, that just now makeing my salam to the Judge he twice threatned me [wth: his] finger thus (expressing the manner) I dont [know] what he means. The President thereupon called Mr: Fraser aside from the company (wch: was Mr: [Tredcroft,] Mr: Alvarez and Mr: Frewen) asked Mr Fraser what Kisna had done to occasion his threatning of [him] Mr: Fraser answered aloud, why did I beat him what have I done to him, I dont like his Salams he is a knave. The President told him that it was not usual to threaten other mens servants and that he esteemed it an affront to himself. Mr: Fraser thereupon tooke occasion to justifie himself by makeing publick declaration before the said company & twenty black people, alledgeing that Kisna was a knave and he had already charged him in Consultation [but] the means was denyed him to prove it. He did demand a Cowle and it would not be granted.

The Severall words which passed cannot be conveniently noted, but the President observes that Mr Fraser doth affront him in the manner of threatning his servant, and then Justifies it, and doth allso act very imprudently in discourseing of what passed in Consultation before mixed company and declaring before them, that, the President will not concede to the way propounded for finding out frauds and cheats.

Mr: Fraser upon this occasion having taken not[ice] to the President that he had formerly objected againe Mr. Styleman's voteing in matters relating to ye differences between him and the President, entring into argument which relates to the present constitution of the Councill. It is resolved necessary for the upholding the credit of the authority of the President & Councill of Fort St. George, that these particulars be represented to the Generall, that som way may be found out to put an end to these publick differencs: and to further questions among ourselves upon our authority.

Mr: Fraser againe demanded a Cowle as mentioned in Consultation the 12th: Instant, It is ordered that he delivers us the reasons which he promisses in an exception to the said Consultation, by the ☿mo November next, or give in reasons why he do's not, it being [convenient] that a thing of this nature doe not hang so long in Suspense and occasion frequent debates.

I do not approve of this consultation for reasons hereafter to be given but it is not time now.

W.F.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
Jo: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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The S^{t}: David Yatch John Campion master sailed for Fort S^{t}: David, by whom sent a generall Letter to the Deputy Gov^{r}: &c^{a}: of y^{s}: date Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for [what] sent upon her.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 26.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^{r}: Joseph Chapman some days agoe [offered] to the President an information against M^{r}: Daniel Dubois of Perjury and felony. The President [desired] him to consider well whether he could prove it, it concerning a mans reputation and life, M^{r}: Chapman alledged he could prove the charge, if he had that incouragement which a Kings Evidence ought to have, M^{r}: Chapman was now sent for and being asked what were the grounds of [his] accusation, He promises to deliver it in writeing if he may have the perusall of the Vizagapatam Consultations and what other papers are necessary and relate thereunto, which the Secretary is ordered to shew, or give him copies of.

M^{r}: William Fraser storekeeper read his acco^{t}: of stores for the month of August, and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 180 on that account and M^{r}: Thomas Wright read his Paymasters acco^{t}: for ditto month particulars Viz^{t}.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{s}:	855:	6:
Charges Generall	„	462:	6:
Charges Merchandize	„	8:	11:
Charges Cattle	„	64:	28:
Charges Diett	„	374:	19:
Acco^{t}: Plate	„	30:	30:
Fortifications and repairs	„	80:	20:
Yegmore &c^{a}: New Towns	„	—:	18:
Vizagapatam	„	7:	7:
	Pag^{s}:	1884:	01:

M^{r}: Marshall Register of y^{e}: Court produceing a list of [ffees as now] paid in the Court of Admiralty and Mayors Court. It is ordered that M^{r}: Tredcroft and the Secretary do examine and compare them wth: the List entred in y^{e}: Consultation Booke, and if any difference to report the same.

The Judge reports that Conte Vincateputtee, and Pollee China Tombe being indicted for the murther [of Armagon] on the 11th: day of August last, the Petit Jury [brought] in their verdict by which they found Conte Vincate Puttee guilty of murther, and Pollee China' Tombe guilty of manslaughter, upon which [accordingly] sentence was pronounc'd upon Conte Vincate Puttee that he should be hang'd on Wednesday next the second of October, and Pollee China Tombe was sentenced to be burnt in the hand in court [which] was done, and he discharged upon payment of his fees. There appearing no reason for pardoning the said Conte Vincateputtee, It is ordered y^{t}: execution be accordingly done.

A Generall Letter to the Agent of Bengall dated this day in persuance of our resolution of the 23^{d}: Instant read and approved.

M^{r}: John Coventrey having presented a Petition the purport whereof is, that Judgement [being given] against him in the Mayor's Court in an answer between him and M^{r}: Roger Bradyl, [he desires] in consideration of the charges of the Court of Admiralty that wee will give him an [hearing] and admit his appeal to us from the Erroneous judgement of the Mayors Court. It is ordered that the

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following answer be given him by the Secretary. That wee cannot admit his appeal from the Mayors Court but he may if he finds cause appeal to the Court of Admiralty.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

27. Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t} : David dated the 24th : Instant adviseing they had drawn Bills upon us for Pag^{s} : two thousand ffive hundred seventy five.

28. Briggantine Acheen Merchant Robert Masfen master Sailed for Bengall by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Agent & Councill dated the 21st : Instant with severall other Papers as ℔ List. Allso a Generall Lre directed to the Agent dated the 26th : Instant wth : [coppy] of our Consultation dated the 23rd : Instant relateing to M^{r} : Braddyl.

MONDAY 30. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESIDENT & GOV^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Generall Letter to his Excellency dat^{d} : the 29th : August and 5th : Instant and to Surrat dated 29th : August [haveing] been formerly read in Consultation all but y^{e} : last Paragraph of that to the Generall, were now [signed] and the List of the Pacquet containing papers [No. 1] to 52. Those N°: 47, 48 & 49 being copies of Consultation relating to M^{r} : Fraser, it was enquired of him whether he thought fit to send any answer therewith. He answers that it is not time [now].

A Petition presented by Tangema widdow of the Jentue murdered by Conte Vincateputtee condemned, desireing he may be pardoned, is refer'd to further consideration.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

30. This Evening dispatch't Pattamars to his Excelly : the Generall of India at Bombay, by whom sent a Generall Letter dated the 29th : August & 5th : Instant wth : copies of severall other Letters and papers [as per] list from N°: 1 to 52, allso a Generall Letter to the President and Councill of Surrat dated the 29th : August Incloseing severall papers relateing to Abdul Gophars Shipp, and acco^{ts} : ended between Cojee Panu's and Mustapha Chelleby from [No. 1 to 13].

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESIDENT & GOV^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : JOHN HIGGINSON
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Mary Buoyer arriveing this morning from Vizagapatam and Bengall, brought the following Generall Letters Viz^{t}.

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From the Cheif & Councill Vizagapatam dated 24th: Septr: 95.
From the Agent & Councill Bengall dated 24th: Augt: 95.
From Mr Richard Farmer } from Acheen 30th: July ꝑmo Augt: 95.
From Captain James Howell }
From the Presidt: & Councill Surat datd: 20th: April 95 which were all read with the Severall other papers mentioned in the List.

The warehousekeeper is ordered to unlade ye: Bengall and Vizagapatam goods on ye: Mary Buoyer except the Sugar, Oyle, Butter and half the gunnies, Rope and Twine.

Ordered that the Secretary doe give the following order to Andrew Goodman master of ye: Mary Buoyer. You are hereby order'd by the President and Councill to repair on board the Mary Buoyer and there continue dureing the uncertainty of the weat[her] till she is unladen, wherein you are to observe the orders of the warehousekeeper. If a storm [shall] arise you may put out to sea, and therefore you must take care before you goe aboard to furnish your vessell with wood water and rice.

The consideration of the Petition of Tangema and that two families will on the death of Conte Vincateputtee be exposed to famine, and that [thô] it doeth appear that he was the author of the Death of Armagon, yet it doeth not appear to be a premeditated act, It is ordered that a Pardon be granted to Conte Vincateputtee, and the President doeth desire the Judge to draw a draught thereof.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

A pardon to Conte Vincateputtee of this date signed.

The wind blowing fresh for two days past forced a countrey Boat out of this road ashore near Triblicane. 3.

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 4.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Constable refuseing to signe a Bond for his Debt of Pags 349: 10: 4 to the Rt: Honble: Company, except [with a] Proviso that Verago's bond for Pags: 127: 5: 5 payable in August next be accepted in part of payment. It is resolved that the bond cannot be accepted wth: the [said] Proviso and Mr: Constable continueing sickly, It is ordered that the Secretary doe demand the signing of the bond of him without the said proviso, and [offer him] that if he will assign Virago's bond, orders [shall] be given to Mr: Hatsell &: for endeavouring ye: recovery thereof, and credit given him for the same as recd.

Ordered that Pags: 1575 be paid to Punckulo Ramakisna, and Pags: 1000 to Suncka Rama being for 2 Bills of Exchange dated the 23rd: September last drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St: David as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 24th: past.

Mr: John Coventrey sending a paper yesterday to the President, It is now read, the purport whereof is to explaine that Mr: Afflick, wife and servants did [riotously] Enter his house on the 14th: September last, and did [carry] away his wife to Mr: Afflick's house, and afterwards in his absence Mr: Afflick's servants carried away a chest and severall things, and assisted slaves in [irons] and inticed others to run away to the number of 12 som of which slaves &ca: are in Mr: Afflick's House and som in other Houses. He therefore [desires a] warrant

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w^th^ : fit officers to enter into any houses which he suspects and to Search for and bring away any thing that belongs to him, concerning which it is noted that there is a publick town [talk] that on that Day about twelve aclocke at night upon crying out murder M^r^ : Afflick, his wife and servants did goe to M^r^ : Coventrey's where finding M^rs^ : Coventrey (sister to M^r^ : Afflick) complaining of being beaten by her Husband, and that she was afraid of her life, they did take her to M^r^ : Afflick's House, since which M^r^ : Coventrey did complaine of M^r^ : Afflicks action to the President not by way of demanding justice, but in order to an accomodation between him & his wife, which proveing ineffectual, he now makes this publick complaint, and demands such a warrant as is not safe to be granted to such a person in such a case. It is ordered for the present that M^r^ : Wright and M^r^ : Tredcroft doe acquaint M^r^ : Afflick w^th^ : M^r^ : Coventreys paper, & require his answer and report the same.

M^r^ : Edmund Mountague Prov^l^ : Land Customer pays into the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : Cash Pag^s^ : 570 on acc^t^ : of Land Customs.

M^r^ : Astley (M^r^ : Goughs assistant) adviseing that there were some of the Ship Sarah's men aboard the Mary Buoyer and Ship Eagle in this road. The President gave him an order for searching said ships, upon which he brought ashore one from each ship and found another ashore, which he desired might be secured till Ship Sarah's returne, It is ordered that said three Seamen be committed to the custody of the Marshall M^r^ : Astley bearing their necessary charges, and repaying such Impress money as they shall have received from the ships whereon they were shipped and if M^r^ : Astley will not comply herewith, that they be discharged from any further confinement.

Ordered that Anthony Christopher & Conia de Gressier, be Entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

The churchwardens demanding Pag^s^ : 360 Expended out of the church stocke for y^e^ : maintenance of Robert Clarks children for three or four years to the primo Instant. It is ordered that the same be paid, and that Robert Clarke deceased have credit in our Generall Bookes by Bengall [Agency] for Pag^s^ : 1675 : 25 being for rupees 5864 : 12^a^ the Balance of his estate received into the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Companys Cash in Bengall, as advised by their Generall Letter and acco^t^ : curr^t^ : of his Estate signed by M^r^ : John Beard dated July 1694 [and] because the said children of Robert Clarke are reputed illegitimate. It is resolved that the Estate of said Robert Clarke doe remaine in the Company^s^ : Cash as a deposite till there appears [an Heir] to claim it, in the mean time that such allowances be issued out yearly to the Churchwardens for the maintenance of said children.

Ordered that Pag^s^ : 120 be paid the Churchwardens for one years Interest ending the 3^d^ : September last for 1200 Pag^s^ : borrowed of the Church stocke.

Ordered that the following goods and Stores be continued and Laden aboard the Mary Buoyer to be sent to the West Coast Viz^t^.

Lead 50 or 90 Pigs as is necessary for her kintilage.

Gunnys	... 3 or 400	to be continᵈ aboard.
Canvas	... Bolts 2	
Wheat	... Bags 25	
Sugar	... „ 10	
Oyle	... Jarrs 30	
Butter	... „ 10	
Rope	... Maund 2	
Twine	... „ 1	
Paper Large	... Rheam 10	
Small fine	... Rheam 1	
Demy	... Quire 10	
Small ordinary	... Rheam 3	
Quills	 100	

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Wax candles	... Chest	2	
Quilts	...	46	Came by ye.
Stockings	... Pair	90	Mary from
Shirts	...	100	Bengall.
Suits of cloths	...	132	
Gimblets of all sorts			
Augurs small			
Shiraz wine	... Buts	2	
Persia wine	... Chest	2	
Long cloth	... Bales	12	from Vizaga-
Salampores	... „	13	patam.

Ordered that Mr: Wright doe Impress two or three months wages to Europe men and Lasscars belonging to the Mary Buoyer.

Generall Letter to the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the Second Instant and discourse[d] concerning the Sier Lasscars letter to the President for pulling down their new walls, but is refer'd to further consideration. Allso a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governr: and Councill of Fort St: David dated the 3d: Instant read.

The Judge acquaints the Councill that upon Information of Verapa the Cheif Measurer [exacting] and takeing measureing Duty, since the Custom of five ℔ Cent was laid upon grain, Committed to ye: Custody of the Marshall by warrant yesterday, being a matter relating to the Sea Customs, Ordered that Mr: Tredcroft doe assist the Judge in ye: further examination and that it be traced so far as may be, that all ye: persons concerned may be discovered.

Ordered that the accomptant doe draw out the accot: of salary due to the Rt: Honble: Companys Servants Ending the 29th: September last

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 7.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Beetle farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 516: 24 on that accot.

The warehousekeeper declareing that if ye: Beaters be not entertained as peons (he having no employment for them at present), they will run away. It is therefore ordered that Eleven of them be Entertained at 20 fans: each ℔ mensem till further order.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Wright Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1000 on accot: of goods sold.

Mr: Astley and the three men belonging to ship Sarah were sent for, Thomas Addams owns that he was shipped Gunners Mate in England John Shipley sai's he was ship'd foremast man at [Cadiz] and Joseph Skelton denyes that he was shid'd for wages, but that he went aboard ship at Batavia and was to have his passage to China & England, Cloths and victuals for his work, resolved [that] Thomas Addams being an officer in the ship [and] accountable for the gunners stores, that he be continued in custody till ship Sarah arrives [unless] he can give security to Mr: Astleys satisfaction for his appearance, and there being

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occasion for men both for the Gun room Crew and Mary Buoyer, that John Shipley and Joseph Skelton do serve for either of those occasions as the Paymaster shall thinke requisite, and if they are absent when the Sarah comes, that the ship be supplyed wth: two other Europeans in their roome.

The remaining part of the letter to Vizagapatam relateing to the Sier Lasscars demand of pulling down the new walls, and the Presidents Letter to the Sier Lasscar read, and a letter to M^{r}: Philip Noden dated the Second Instant, permitting him and his family to stay at Metchlepatam or Maddapollam.

The President read his acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash for the month of September last the balance being Pag^{s}: 3999: 2 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his acco^{t}: of Passes for ditto month and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 9: 12 on that acco^{t}.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright and M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft report M^{r}: Affleks answer to M^{r}: Coventreys papers mentioned in Consultation of the 4th: Instant wherein M^{r}: Affleck doth deny the matter of fact alledged by M^{r}: Coventry. It is order'd that M^{r}: Affleck and M^{r}: Coventrey do attend on Thursday next at Consultation.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Delivered a Pass to ship Eagle John Cockroft master bound for the coast of India and Persia.

THURSDAY 10. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

An answer dated the 8th: to M^{r}: Astleys paper of y^{e}: 7th: Instant, read, approved by the Majority and sign'd (Coppies of both papers stands entred after this Consultation) concerning which 'tis noted that all assistance was readily given for finding out and secureing of shipp Sarah's men, thô the Gunners mate had been ship'd aboard the Buoyer in Bengall a mate for the west coast, and there is no other fitt man Upon the shoare for that service, But when M^{r}: Astley doeth charge us wth: them under such a Condition of being answerable for ship and stocke, if they are not kept secure till the ship arrives, Wee thinke it reasonable to secure ourselves from the effect of his Protest by delivering the men to himselfe, it being not safe to undertake y^{e}: Secureing of them under that condition. Besides M^{r}: Astley is to pert to serve us wth: such a paper, and we do not thinke the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company doth expect that we should assist the ships upon such terms, But if M^{r}: Astley has any demands upon those men he may apply to y^{e}: Court of Admiralty.

M^{r}: Affleck and M^{r}: Coventrey attending [and] persuasions used for an accommodation [and] there appearing no grounds or hopes of effecting it they were acquainted that the Court was open.

It being ordered in Consultation of y^{e}: [4 Instant] that M^{r}: Tredcroft should assist the Judge in y^{e}: Examination of the Informations against [Verapas] measurer, wherewith M^{r}: Fraser then [exprest] himselfe satisfied, being asked what [progress] was made in said examination, he answered none. M^{r}: Tredcroft informs that he was told that for two or three days M^{r}: Fraser sent for som persons [to his] Chamber without calling of him, M^{r}: Fraser [doth] deny that he hath since taken any Examination in English, but did this morning an information in Jentue.

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Resolved that to-morrow morning at Eight o'clocke the Councill meet and proceed upon y^e^: examination of this matter, and that M^r^. Fraser do then produce all the Examinations he hath taken.

Generall Letter to the Agent &c^a^: of Persia of Yesterdays date, and to M^r^: Braborne &c^a^: of this Days date, read and signed and to his Excellency the Generall of India and to the Agent &c^a^: of Bengall dated 9^th^: Inst^t^: read and approved.

Ordered that the Paym^r^: do advance Pag^s^: twenty to [*lacuna in the original*] [for to] deliver in February one Hundred Pag^s^: worth of Charcole, at the rate of twelve Baskets for a Pagoda. It being Cent ℔ Cent cheaper then what bought formerly.

M^r^: Tredcroft Cheif Justice of the Choultrey reports that one China Tombe had cut his own throat, and upon the examination of all the neighbourhood & his Doctor, that they do believe he did do it, he confessing it to them severally, and giveing this reason, that he was in great pain, and lived six hours after Both M^r^: Tredcroft and the Choultrey Dubash doe declare that they find no reason to suspect that any other person had a hand in it but himselfe.

Ordered that the Choultrey Justices doe cause an acco^t^: to be taken of the Deceaseds Estate, & [enquire] what there was in his Custody belonging to others, there being information that his brother a Pegue Merchant hath left Rubies in his Custody.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

TO THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: &C^A^: COUNCILL. FORT ST. GEORGE 7TH: OCTOBER, 1695.

Whereas I have received advice from M^r^: [Richard] Gough Supra cargo of Ship Sarah, as allso from [Cap^t^:] Marmaduke Rawdon who is Command^r^: of the said Ship that Severall of their men are run away, having met with them here viz^t^: Thomas Adams Gunner, John Shipley and Joseph Skelton foremastmen belonging to said Ship, [I doe in behalf of y^e^:] owners desire that they may be [secured here untill] the said ship may arrive, or further advice from the said Supra Cargo or Commander, fearing y^t^: when she may be ready to goe for Europe [should want] hands to saile her, and so be the overthrow of our voyage, which I hope your Hon^r^: &c: will [please] to take into consideration. I am willing to allow what may be thought convenient for their Diet &c^a^: This is what I thought I was obliged to doe for the preservation of the owners ship and stocke she hath or may have on board her I am.

Your Hon^rs^: most hum^bls^: Servant,
JOHN ASTELEY.

P.S.—If your Hon^r^: &c^a^: take the two men away that are before the Mast, I desire your Hon^r^: &c^a^: will please to let me have a copy of that clause past in Consultation here after for my justification.

[To] M^r^: JOHN ASTELEY
ONE OF THE SUPRA CARGOES OF SHIPP SARAH.

Att your request three men were secured in the Custody of the Marshall, whom you inform'd were run from ship Sarah, the one a Gunners mate, the other two foremast men, whereof the one ship'd at [Cadiz,] the other (as he sai's)

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ship'd himselfe at Batavia as a Passenger for England without wages, Yesterday [wee] acquainted you that we had an urgent and immediate occasion for the two foremastmen to serve the Rt: Honble: Company in a Vessell now ready to goe to the West Coast and propounded to you that we would either returne the same men or two Europe men in their stead, whenever the Ship Sarah wanted them, as that has been accustomary in like cases after which you send us a paper wherein you desire us to secure the said men till the Sarah arrive, fearing she may want hands to saile her when she shall be ready to goe for Europe, and so be the overthrow of her voyage, and you adde, that you thought yourself obliged to doe this for the preservation of the Ship and stocke, she hath or may have on board her, which seeming to be intended by you in nature of a Protest whereby you would charge us wth: the keeping of the said men secure till the ship Sarah arrive and render us answerable for ship and stocke if they escape, Wee therefore hereby declare to you and all whom it may concerne, that we doe not thinke ourselves obliged to secure the said men till the Ships arriveall, nor to take any such risgo upon us of the Ship and Stocke, [because] severall persons have made their Escape from the Custody of the Marshall. Wee send your men by the Marshall who is ordered to dismiss these men from his Custody and to deliver them to yourselfe. Dated in Fort St: George this 8th: day Octobr: 1695.

NATH HIGGINON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

10. Ship Eagle John Cockroft master sailed [for Anjengo] and Persia, by whom sent a Generall Letter to Mr: Braborne & Councill at Anjengo of this date and to the Agent and Councill of Persia of Yesterdays date.

13. Received a Generall Lre: from Fort St: David dated the 7th Instant incloseing two papers containing proposalls relating to the Mint.

This Evening Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 2d: Instant Inclosed in wch: sent a Letter from ye: President to the Sier Lasscar. By the Same Peons sent a Genll: Letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the 9th: Instant wth: copy of our Generall Letter Dated the 21st: September to the Agent &ca: and 26th Ditto [to ye: Ag]ent incloseing coppy of our Consultation dated 23d: Septemr: relateing to Mr: Braddyl: also a generall lettr: to Mr: Phillip Noden dated the 2d: Instant att Metchlepatam.

MONDAY, October 14. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that 500 Pagods: be paid to Mr: Wright Paymaster for defrayeing charges Garrison, and Pagods: 362: to ye: President being for one bill of exchange drawne by ye: Deputy Govr: and Councill of Fort St. David dated ye: 7 Instant.

Joseph Chapman paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 111: 34: 5 and gave bond for ye: remainder being Pagods: 100 payable in 6 Months, It is ordered yt: Vizagapatam Factory have Credit for ye: same.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WM: FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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This afternoone y^e^: Mary Buoyer Andrew Goodman master sailed for Yorke Fort by whome sent a generall Letter dated the 3^d^: Instant with Coppy of our Generall Letter dated the 16^th^: day of March 1694–5.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 15.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRAZER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^r^: Jeremiah Peachy haveing sent an answer to y^e^: bill preferred against him in y^e^: Court of Admiralty by y^e^: Attorney Generall, and by a note to y^e^: Secretary desires y^t^: it may be withdrawn from y^e^: Court and determined in Councill, upon perusall of said answer It is resolved y^t^: the determination thereof be referred to y^e^: Court.

There offering about 2 Candy of Countrey Powder to sale att 15 Pago^ds^: per Candy, Its ordered to be bought.

M^r^: John Coventrey haveing sent a lett^r^: dated y^e^: 11^th^: Instant from St. Thoma to acquaint us that he was gone thither to free himself from oppression, and to take sanctuary there, a lett^r^: was written to Ajee Mahomed Allee Governor of St. Thoma and Pollicat to desire his order for y^e^: delivery of him, he being run away for debt, and last night Ajee Mahomed Allee sent an answer now read wherein hee alleadges y^t^: Coventrey had cheated one Allea Bux of 5000 Rupees, wherein he himself is concerned 800 Pago^ds^: and that he designes suddainly to goe to St. Thoma, and will then cause y^e^: matter to be examined, and as soon as Coventrey has made satisfaction to y^t^: demand that he will send him hither, and wee are further informed y^t^: Ajee Mahomed Allee had before sent orders to his own officers att St. Thoma and y^e^: Portugueze to secure him, whereupon its referred to further consideration, what means can be used for the bringing back of M^r^: Coventrey y^t^: he may not remaine in y^e^: hands of the Moors being a troublesome and dangerous man reduced to a desperate condition.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
W^M^: FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^S^: WRIGHT.
ED. TREDCROFT.

This morning M^r^: Thomas Constable who had been severall months ill, departed this life and was buried this evening. 15.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 17.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRAZER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: ED: TREDCROFT.

In consideration of y^e^: scarcity and dearness of Paddy for the whole yeare, w^ch^: has caused a generall complaint among y^e^: souldiers and Peons, and being sencible of y^e^: necessity they ley under w^ch^: has caused many Peons to quit the service, and leave this place Its therefore ordered that a distribution be made of 4 Mercall of Paddy to each, and 8 Mercall to each Europe souldier and Gunner married (Comission officers excepted) and to each Portugueze 5 Mercall of Paddy, and that the Paymaster do by y^e^: Muster Roll draw lists of y^e^: severall Persons that are to receive it, and y^e^: Warehouskeeper to deliver y^e^: same out of y^e^: stores of y^e^: Yegmore Paddy and charge it in his acco^ts^: delivered by order of Consultation.

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Ordered that ye: Justices of ye: Choultrey do cause an order to be published by ye: Tom Tom, that all ordinary Paddy be sold not under 12 Mercall for one Pagoda, and yt: the Warehouskeeper doe cause 5 Gearse to be sould at ye: Banksall one gearse in a day.

Mr: John Styleman produces ye: acct: of salary due to ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: servants in India from ye: 25 of March to ye: 29 September 1695 amount to Pagods: 998: 3: 2: it is ordered that the same be paid.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer read his accot: of the Month of September last particulars vizt:

To Custome of goods Imported and Exported this Month	Pags:	864: 17: 45
To Ditto on Grain		519: 8: 39
To Anchorage		60: —: —
To Tonnage		72: 8: —
	Pags:	1515: 33: 5

And payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1100 on yt: acct:

The Merchants being sent for and enquired of, what Progress they had made in examining theire accots: they acquaint us that they have gone through 2 parts of 5, but not all agreed, but that in 4 dayes time they will deliver in ye: reasons of theire difference if any bee.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

17. Received a generall lettr: from Fort St. David no date adviseing that ye: Josiah Ketch from Bombay was put in there, ye: same Peons brought ye: Pacquet from ye: Generall which contained a genll: lettr: dated 4 Sepr: 1695 and Invoyce and bill of ladeing for what sent on ditto Ketch &cs: papers as per list.

SATURDAY 19TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Generall lettr: to Fort St. David of yesterdayes date relateing to Ketch Josiah wth: an order to ye: master for following ye: orders, read and approved.

Mr: Frazers proposeall for regulateing ye: measuring of grain now produced and read, and it is ordered to be entered after this Consultation, that ye: Method may be concerted before Boats or Vessells can bring any grain to be measured, there being none in ye: Road now nor any to be expected before ye: latter end of November.

Ordered that Thos: Adams, desireing to be entered one in the Gunroome crew, and ye: Judge acquainting us yt: Mr: Astley had consented to his freedome, be entertained one of ye: Gunroome Crew, also Joseph Skelton.

The Warehouskeeper reporting that he had recd: Ca. 12: Md. 9: lb. 19 black pepper bought by Mr: Wright at an outcry att severall prizes amounting in ye: whole to Pagods: 277: 33: It is ordered that the same be paid for.

Mr: William Frazer Warehouskeeper read his accot: of ye: Warehouse for ye: Month of September last.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WM: FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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Proposalls for regulateing the measureing all grain imported by sea in such method as y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Company may not be wronged in theire Customes of 5 per cent humbly offered to y^e^ : consideration of the Hon^ble^ : President and Council of Fort St. George.

Hon^ble^ : &c^a^ : Councill

The Hon^ble^ : Company have severall yeares agoe ordered it in theire generall lett^rs^ : to be a standing rule and to be observed that in all places and offices where any [p]art or branch of theire Hon^ble^ : Revenues is received, and taken, one of theire own Covenant servants be appointed to that office, even thô it be att y^e^ : charge of a Dubash, or Linguister, and thô y^e^ : duty of 5 per cent custom upon all grain Imported by sea, since January 1692-3 hath added considerably to y^e^ : increase of y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : Revenue, yet there has not been any means used to ascertain y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : due right, because y^t^ : trust hath been hitherto left to y^e^ : care of y^e^ : Conicoply only, and none of y^e^ : Comp^s^ : own servants present att y^e^ : measureing of grain Imported, so as a right and true acco^t^ : might be rendered of y^e^ : whole quantities belonging to the severall Owners, and the sea customers are forced to take such acco^t^ : right or wrong as y^e^ : measureing Conicoplys pleases to give him, and its not in the sea customers power to disprove any such acco^t^ : through want of Knowledge of y^e^ : full quantities measured.

To prevent any wrong or cheats in this nature for the future, let the following be considered as a remedy, lett there be one Factor, and one writer as Assistant appointed to be present att y^e^ : measureing any one heap w^th^ : y^e^ : Parra for y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : custome, and likewise one Factor and one Writer present at y^e^ : measureing another heap, w^ch^ : may be sufficient there being but 2 Parras used att y^e^ : Sea gate. 1.

Let y^e^ : Factor soe appointed receive from y^e^ : sea Customer y^e^ : manifest given in by y^e^ : Paddy Importer, haveing regard the Paddy first arrived and landed be first measured. 2^dly^ :

Let there be a moveable Pendall or shade to keep out y^e^ : sun from y^e^ : Persons appointed to y^t^ : buisiness w^ch^ : may be removed upon all occasions by one or 2 Cooleys (that are allwayes there) from the heap of grain as they have done to another. 3^dly^ :

Lett there be tickets made of theire lead, and they may be of 3 severall sorts, or more of different size, and bigness, w^ch^ : are to be distinguished and known by a single lett^r^ : cut or impressed upon each viz^t^ :, let y^e^ : large ticketts be made with y^e^ : lett^r^ : (G) to signifie or denote a garse, of w^ch^ : Tickets I thinke 100 may be enough, and if there should need any more they may be marked with 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, in figures with y^e^ : lett^r^ : (G) the other sort being small may be marked with y^e^ : Lett^r^ : (P) to denote Parras of w^ch^ : sort 160 may bee enough for both places where they shall happen to be measureing. The 3^d^ : sort and y^e^ : smallest may be marked with y^e^ : Letter (M) to denote Mercalls of which a few may serve. 4^th^ :

All things being thus prepared let the measurers begin to measure and let y^e^ : Factor take 80 Tickets apart marked with y^e^ : lett^r^ : (P) and for each Parra that is measured let there be one of y^e^ : said tickets put on a wiar or in a box, but rather a bagg untill y^e^ : whole 80 Tickets are out, and then y^s^ : said Factor must take y^e^ : said 80 Tickets back againe out of y^e^ : bagg and in liew thereof let him take one ticket of y^e^ : lett^r^ : (G) and put into a second bagg because 80 Parras are equall to one Garse, and so proceed as at first, remembering always that so often as y^e^ : 80 tickets P. are out to put one ticket of lett^r^ : (G) into y^e^ : second bagg and so continue untill y^e^ : heap of grain comes to be all measured, and what remaines may not measure out 80 Parras then soe many odd Parras as they make so many tickets of y^e^ : lett^r^ : P must be put into y^e^ : second bagg, and when what left will not measure a Parra, then they must measure with y^e^ : Mercall and for each Mercall so measured one Ticket of y^e^ : letter (M) must be put into y^e^ : second bagg, so haveing y^e^ : totall quantity of that heap of Paddy in y^e^ : second bagg

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w^th^: out y^e^: help of pen or inke, but it must be remembered that the Manifest y^e^: Owners of y^e^: Paddy gives to y^e^: Sea Customer mentioning the Owners name must be put into y^e^: second bagg to avoid mistakes, and soe of all y^e^: other heaps that shall be measured, this will prove more quick and expeditious and more certaine then scoreing or makeing lines uppon paper, and will be a faster way then they can measure or y^e^: Conicoplies can take acco^t^: off with soe much certainty.

But then I humbly concieve that something of an encouragem^t^: should be made to y^m^: persons appointed to that buisiness, as is now settled in y^e^: Custome house, w^ch^: is humbly referred to y^r^: Hon^rs^: &c^a^: consideration as is the rest of y^e^: premisses by Hon^ble^: &c^a^:

Y^r^: Hon^rs^: &c^a^: most humble servant
Fort S^t^: George 17^th^: Oct^r^: 1695. W^M^: FRAZER.

19^th^: Dispatched a generall lett^r^: to Fort St. David of yesterdayes date, Incloseing coppy of y^e^: Josiah Ketch's Invoyce from Bombay, and an order to y^e^: Commander of D^o^: Ketch to follow such orders as he shall receive from y^e^: Deputy Gov^r^: and Councill of Fort St. David, also a generall lett^r^: to Governour Pitt att Negapatam.

MONDAY 21. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Arrack Farmers payes into y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pago^ds^: 166: 24: on that acco^t^:

M^r^: John Wessondonck alias Stephenson haveing sent a paper to y^e^: President complaining of a stop put to an action Entered by him against Muttamar in the Court of Admiralty It is thought convenient to note that on Thursday last Muttamar complained that he had entered an action in the Mayors Court against M^r^: Wessondonck, and taken out a warrant, upon w^ch^: M^r^: Wessondonck shut himself up in his house to avoid serving y^e^: Warrant, and tooke a Warrant out of the Court of Admiralty against Muttamar, w^ch^: being never practiced before, it was considered in Councill and resolved that when an action is entered in y^e^: Mayors Court, the Defendant may not enter an action in y^e^: Court of Admiralty against y^e^: Plantiff in y^e^: same cause, till y^e^: action [w^ch^:] is first entered in y^e^: Mayors Court by y^e^: Plantiff be determined, and accordingly y^e^: Judge did cause y^e^: serving of the warrant against Muttamar to be suspended.

M^r^: Wessondonck being sent for to acquaint him therewith excused himself from comeing.

The Washermen declareing that 5 per cent fine long cloth are stolne ordered that 15 Pago^s^: be paid to y^e^: Warehouskeeper out of the Talliars money in satisfaction for the same.

The Tobacco Farmers and Beetle Farmers being in arrear 3 Months, besides one other Month payable y^e^: 25^th^: Instant, w^ch^: amounts to pago^s^: 2066: 24: y^e^: Talliars were ordered to secure Walachy Chittee and Rama y^e^: 2 cheif Farmers from goeing out of Towne w^th^: out leave till further order.

M^r^: Frazer Warehouskeep^r^: payes into y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pago^s^: 1200 on acco^t^: of goods sould.

Cap^t^: Pennistone haveing sent a Petition for orderinga reheareing a of a cause determined against him in y^e^: yeare 1688, in y^e^: Mayors Court, or for the ordering the reimburseing Pago^ds^: 143 w^th^: the Interest out of y^e^: Estate of Cap^t^: Absolom deceased It is ordered that y^e^: following answer be given him by

y^e: Secretary, that wee cannot order y^e: said money out of y^e: Estate of y^e: deceased, and that he is referred to the Mayors Court as to a reheareing of y^e: Cause.

NATH^LL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^S: WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

There appeareing a Vessell this Evening in y^e: offing y^e: President sent y^e: following order to y^e Councill for their approbation, supposeing it to be y^e: Josiah Ketch from Bombay. 23.

To CAP^T: STEPHEN BAKER

COMAND^R: OF KETCH JOSIAH.

Wee have sent off Boats to hasten your unladeing, wherein wee desire you to use y^e: greatest expedition you can, and when part unladen come ashoare, y^t: wee may discourse you about y^e: reladeing & dispatch of y^e: Ketch, w^ch: wee hope to effect in 2 dayes time therefore would have you order your affaires accordingly, if you want wood, water, stores &c^a: bring an acco^t: thereof ashore with you, y^t: you may be imediately supplied, wee thinke the Monsoon is not yet over and are uncertain when it may come dated in Fort St. George y^e: 23^d: October 1695.

Which order being signed was sent of in y^e: morning.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 24TH:

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: PRESID^T: & GOV^R:
M^R: WILLIAM FRAZER M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^r: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his acco^t: for the month of September last particulars viz^t:

Charges Garrison	Pag^s:	840:	31:
Charges Generall	„	473:	5:
Acco^t: of Presents	„	7:	=:
Charges Merchandize	„	105:	24:
Charges Cattle	„	54:	6:
Factors Provisions	„	28:	=:
Fort St. David	„	10:	=:
Charges Diett	„	313:	17:
Fortifications and repaires	„	125:	24:
Yegmore &c^a: New Towns	„	=:	18:
	Pag^s: ...	1958:	17:

There being six Rupees received from Bombay by Ketch Josiah one is now delivered to the Assaymaster to melt and report the Matt thereof.

Ordered that y^e: Farme of y^e: Arrack be continued to y^e: same persons for this next yeare, upon y^e: same tearmes as it was the last yeare, and y^t: a Cowle be accordingley given them.

Some Bales of Cotton by Ketch Josiah appeareing to be damaged, y^e: Master was ordered to view y^e: 25 Barrells of Cocheneall and to give his oppinion whether he could stow them in said Ketch from damage, and he reporting that he could It is ordered that y^e: same be all laden being pack'd in wax cloth, and that so much salt petre be laden as can be conveniently taken in, the President also offering about 300 Elephants teeth to be laden on Freight and stowed in the nature of Dounnage to secure y^e: salt petre from Damage & 4 or 5 Candy of Artoll, ordered that y^e: same be laden and the Freight referred to y^e: Generall, to whom these goe consigned, y^e: Goods being designed for y^e: Surratt market. But y^e:

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Weather being uncertain, ordered yt: all possible expedition be used in ye: unladeing and dispatching of ye: Ketch for feare a storme should arise.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
THOS: WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRASER.
ED: TREDCROFT. JOHN STYLEMAN.

26. This Evening Ketch Josiah Stephen Baker master sailed for Bombay by whome sent a generall lettr: to ye: Generall and Councill att Bombay incloseing Invoyce and bill of ladeing for what sent by said Ketch, and a generall to ye: Generall incloseing coppy of our generall letter dated ye: 29th: of August and 5 of Sepr: &ca: papers as per list, both of yesterdayes date, also a duplicate of our generall lettr to ye: President and Councill of Surratt dated the 29th of August last and a generall lettr: of this date, to the Commodore &ca: att Anjengo.

MONDAY 28TH: ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOS: WRIGHT MR: ED: TREDCROFT.

Mr: Bezaliell Morrice being left out in ye: accot: of salary for half a yeare ending ye: 29th: of September last being Pagos: 5: 33: 2: its ordered that ye: same be paid him and added to that accot:

Mr: William Frazer read his storekeeprs: accot: for the Month of September last.

The Warehouskeeper is ordered to sell sherry wine att 60 Pagods: per butt the Buyer takeing his choise, and to be allowed for waist if more wanting of being full then three Inches.

The Beetle Farmers pay into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 516: 24: on that account.

Mr: John Styleman paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 170: on ye 25th: Instant, for wch: 2 bills were given him, drawn upon ye: Generall and Councill att Bombay payable to ye: generall for accot: of Capt: Minchin.

In ye: Storekeepers accot: there being 60 quilts Entered sold att 12 fanhams a piece whereof 56 delivered to ye: Paymaster and by him sold to ye: souldiers at yt: rate, whereas ye: prime cost by Invoyce is 21 fanhams, whereby there arises 9 fanhams loss upon each quilt, amot: in ye: whole to Pagos: 14: upon enquirey from whence this mistake proceeded, Mr: Frazer informs that Mr: Hillier his Assistant saies that he was informed by Mr: Wright yt: the price was 12 fanahams.

Ordered that Andrew Gomes be entertained to serve the Rt: Honble: Company as a souldier for 2 yeares.

Mr: Frazer haveing at severall times mentioned a paper wch: he hindered from being read in Court, in such a manner as the President and ye: rest of ye: Councill did understand that his reason for hindering it was out of respect to ye: President, the President doth now desire Mr: Frazer to produce said paper, he acknowledgeing to have it, Mr: Frazer refuseing to doe it because he hath declared yt: he will not proceed in his accusations against Berra Kisna, It is upon ye: question resolved and ordered that Mr: Frazer doe produce ye: said paper because its reasonable that ye: President have a sight thereof for the cleareing of his own reputation, against wch: severall reflections have been insinuated by Mr: Frazer in discourse upon yt: paper mentioned in Consultation of 2d September 1695.

Mr: Chapman haveing charged Mr: Dubois as guilty of perjury and felony, his paper of information being read, ye: matter charged is first as to felony, That Mr: Dubois has broake his oath taken to be true to ye: Compa: That he swore at Vizagapatam yt: he had cheated ye: Company of noe more then such a certain sume then confessed but afterwards confessed more.

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As to Felony, that Mr: Dubois broke open the Chamber of Mr: Samuell Owen in ye: Factory of Vizagapatam, Whereupon its noted yt: Mr: Chapman has falsely represented the oath taken at Vizagapatam haveing omitted the materiall part in the Entrey in the Consultation wch: declares yt: the Oath was taken to the best of his memory, and as to the Felony, That Mr: Dubois was then cheif of ye: Factory and Mr: Owens door was opened by him under ye: pretence of Authority, because Mr: Owen had deserted the Factory, but there appeares no felonious intent. And as to Mr: Chapman in this impeachment, that he hath behaved himself verry Impudently not only in chargeing Mr: Dubois boldly, & publickly aspersing him, but in his discourse and in his papers chargeing us wth: discourageing him when he offers himself as a Kings Evidence; Hee haveing had ye: assistance of Coppies, or due peruseall of all papers desired, and was promised yt: the Originalls should be produced in Court as occasion required, and further there was then an action depending between Mr: Dubois and Mr: Chapman and there appeares reason to thinke that Mr: Chapman brought this matter on the stage after soe many yeares elapsed out of Malice, and to ye: intent that he might gaine an advantage against Mr: Dubois in ye: said action as appeares in the declaration he made to us after Judgement had passed. That now ye: Action was ended he was unwilling to proceed in his information, but haveing before positively accused Mr: Dubois and undertaken to make good ye: charge of Perjury and Felony, he was ordered to draw up his information.

Upon ye: peruseall whereof It is resolved yt: the Attorney Generall be not ordered to prosecute Mr: Dubois upon Mr: Chapmans said information, there appeareing no reason to us for such prosecution but ye: parties are left to themselves.

The Dismission of Mr: Joseph Chapman from ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: service by reason of the frequent examinations of his intricate Vizagapatam accots: both at Vizagapatam and here both in Councill and by referrees, and after that in the Court, and then his offering himself a Kings Evidence against Mr: Dubois. It is now resolved that he be dismissed.

And the President acquainting the Councill yt on Saturday last ye: Officers of St: Thoma Gate informed of a Chest stoped by them, wch: was carrying out by a Coffree, which said it belonged to Doctor Blackwall, but Doctor Blackwall disowned it, and Mr: Chapman owned it as his and that he was sending it to Mr: Wares house to lodge there, but Mr: Ware upon enquirey disowned to know anything of it, whereupon ye: President ordered him to returne to his chamber wth: his chest, but there haveing been severall discourses since of Mr: Chapmans intentions of goeing away wch: with ye: many false stories he was ketched in renders it probable. Its ordered that Mr: Chapman be confined to ye: Fort till he can find security yt: he will not depart this place without leave.

Ordered yt: Pags: 516: 24: Fanahams be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defrayeing Charges Garrison.

The paper demanded of me relates to Bera Kisna and the Honble: Presidents name is not mentioned but is a part of that evidence against Kisna, yt: I have already declared I would not proceed further against him at present.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

WM: FRAZER.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1695——

THURSDAY 31.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : PRESIDT : & GOVR :
MR : WM : FRAZER MR : JOHN STYLEMAN
MR : THOS : WRIGHT MR : ED : TREDCROFT.

Mr : Edmund Mountague Provll : land Customer payes into ye : Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 143 on that accot : and read his accot : of land customs for the month of September particulars vizt :

Choultrey Custome	Pagos :	103 :	21 : 55
Rubie Broakers	„	31 :	13 : 60
Triblecane Custome	„	:	3 : 54
Cloth Broakers	„	9 :	2 : 15
Yegmore & New Town Rents	„	399 :	8 : 65
	Pagos :	543 :	13 : 9

Ordered that Pagods : 500 be paid MR : Thos : Wright paymaster for defrayeing charges Garrison.

The Arrack Farmers pay into ye : Rt : Honble : Comps Cash Pags : 166 : 24 : on that accot :

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
THOS : WRIGHT. WM : FRAZER.
ED : TREDCROFT. JOHN STYLEMAN.

NOVR : PRIMO

Shipp Maddapollam William Willimot Master from Bengall haveing lay'n 2 dayes in ye : Offing for feare of bad weather came into this road this day.

MONDAY 4TH :

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : PRESIDT : & GOVR :
MR : WILLIAM FRAZER MR : JOHN STYLEMAN
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR : ED : TREDCROFT.

Ordered that ye : following order be fixed upon ye : gates in ye : severall languages vizt :

Whereas there has been a standing order prohibiting all Persons Inhabitants of this place to sell, or Mortgage any Houses, gardens, or grounds without registring ye : sale or alienation but in defiance of ye : said order severall of ye : Inhabitants have sould Houses, gardens and grounds without registring or haveing leave for ye : same. It is now ordered that noe person whatsoever ye : Owner or possessor of any house, garden, or ground within ye : limits [o]f this City and Town of Madrass do sell, Mortgage, or otherwise alienate either House, garden, or ground unto any Person whatsoever Inhabitant, native, or others, untill he shall first acquaint the Cheif Justice of the Choultrey therewith, and obtaine his consent thereunto, and also cause the said sale, Mortgage or alienation to be registred either in ye : Choultrey or Court of Admiralty, for wch : Register the party is to pay unto ye : Officers of the Choultrey or Courts only one per Cent upon ye : amot : of ye : sale, if ye : same doth not exceed 500 Pags : then half per cent and noe more, and if any person shall after this further notice presume to sell either House, ground or garden wth : out leave and registring as aforesaid, The seller or buyer at ye : discretion of ye : Justice is to forfeit to ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : ye : half of ye : value of ye : House, ground or garden sould, and ye : bargaine is hereby declared void so yt : ye : buyer or seller injoy no benefitt thereby in any Court.

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It haveing been alleadged that y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: orders are for permitting and encourageing all Casts and Nations indifferently to inhabit and purchase Houses &c^a^: in Madrass. It is thought requisite to note y^e^: reasons w^ch^: now occasion the publishing of this order, viz^t^: wee are informed that severall Moors and others who are renters under y^e^: Duan are about buying Houses and ground to settle theire families, and wee have lately had an instance of the inconvenience in Percalli Chenewassi, who about six yeares agoe bought a house here and at Triblecane to keep his family and treasure, upon his running in debt to y^e^: Duan, there have come severall Perwannas from y^e^: Nabob and lett^rs^: from his officers demanding y^e^: delivery of his family, Houses and treasure, w^ch^: hath w^th^: much trouble been hitherto avoided, but it is judged requisite to prevent y^e^: like occasions for y^e^: future as much as wee can, and besides it is necessary in Point of Common Prudence to prevent the Moors from overballancing the Jentues by buyeing to great a number of Houses and because it may happen y^e^: circumstances may render it adviseable to permit some Moors or renters to purchase Houses and not demand y^e^: Penalty appointed by y^e^: order Therefore the cheif Justice of y^e^: Choultrey is hereby ordered when any buyers offer, whome he thinkes concerned in y^e^: intention of y^e^: order, or when there does appeare to him any reason or doubt for remitting y^e^: penalty or part thereof that he report y^e^: same in Consultation, and receive orders for proceeding.

The President propounded to y^e^: consideration of the Councill that in May last it was resolved on y^e^: Judges representing there was some intricate cases depending in y^e^: Court w^ch^: could not be determined without the assistance of M^r^: Hatsell who was thereupon ordered to come, but y^e^: troubles happening by y^e^: Moors was detained, and one of those cases viz^t^: an action Entered against M^r^: Proby in the Comp^s^: behalf, relateing to y^e^: acco^t^: of y^e^: Sea Customes being still depending, it was now enquired of M^r^: Frazer whither there remained y^e^: same reason for sending for M^r^: Hatsell, who in answer thereunto said. I know no reason why I should be denyed y^e^: Assistants w^ch^: y^e^: Comissions allowes, y^e^: Presid^t^: thereupon observeing to him that he did not answer fairely in putting it upon his being denyed, He thence takes occasion to repeat what he has so often talk't that y^e^: Presid^t^: may have it as he pleases Sayeing I have declared so formerly, when I tould you what you prepossed y^e^: Councill w^th^: a speech on y^e^: 5^th^: and 12^th^: of September, and therefore they would not agree to a Cowle and from thence proceeded to demand y^t^: Berra Kisna the Presidents servant be compelled to give Bond in 4000 Pago^ds^: to answer for y^e^: cheats, wrongs, bribes and injuries to y^e^: Government, and other people when occasion shall require and also propounds that all y^t^: passes between him and the President should be put in writeing before y^e^: Councill as he saies he formerly desired all should be put in writeing relateing to y^e^: resolution upon the Measurers.

M^r^: Frazer being thereupon desired to declare in generall the reasons why he desires Kisna should be compelled to give baile in 4000 Pago^ds^: he refuses to give any further acco^t^: thereof, and being asked whither he has good assurance that Kisna has wronged y^e^: Company, Government, or others to that amount or near, he answers let that take its venture another time. The Consultation is adjourned.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
W^M^: FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^S^: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Dispatched a generall lett^r^: to y^e^: Cheife and Councill at Vizagapatam dated y^e^: 4 Instant incloseing y^e^: accomptants acco^t^: particulars of severall Entryes for adjusting theire acco^t^: Curr^t^: w^th^: Fort St. George, also a generall lett^r^: to y^e^: Agent and Councill of Bengall of ditto date Incloseing a duplicate of our generall lett^r^: dated y^e^: 9 past sent by private Peons. 5

Received a generall lett^r^: from Fort S^t^. David dated the 28^th^: of October last.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1695*——

THURSDAY NOV. 7TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The latter part of the last Consultation occasions the following declaration now produced and read.

Mr: Fraser in his paper of the 14th: May doth according to his usuall manner of speaking and writeing, declare us to be a party against him, but whether wee are [a] party against him, or no, it is too plain that [from yt:] time he hath behaved himselfe not only as a [party] against us, but as an independent and [Distinct] Supravisor or Directore over us, allmost in every Consultation takeing upon him to give the President or som of the Councill very unbecoming Language frequently interrupting our Debates on business by quarreling, cavilling and bantring expressions, contrary to [ye:] apparent reason, or foreign to the matter in hand in such a manner as cannot be expressed by us, nor understood by those which have not seen it, whereof, there has been little notice taken (hopeing he would at length forbear) till the last Consultation on the 4th Instant, wch: is but one instance of many wherein he first insinuates as if he were denyed assistants (in the Court) allowed by the Commission and then repeats that scandalous reflection *he cast* upon us in Consultation May 10th; and frequently since thô he hath often been [desired] (to forbear) that the President acts as he [pleases] and the Councill are prepossessed by him [and then] demands Barra Kisna should give Bail [in 4,000] Pagods: to answer for wrongs, bribes cheats [and Injuries] to the Company, Government and others [but refuses] to give any reason for his demands [wherewith] may be justly considered his paper delivered dated the 28th October dated the 24th ditto wherein [he asserts] or insinuates that the examination of Puttee Redde Vengana was taken wth: an [intent] to bafle the Companys Evidence, That Punkulo [Kisna] and Jango were committed to turne the [current] to prevent further discoverys of Berra Kisnas frauds, that himselfe was contrived against that he may fall a victim, and truth itself forced to veil itselfe in silence. Such base reflections cannot choose but provoke the greatest [patience] to a just indignation, especially when we [know] they are groundless, and at the same time [find] reason to suspect, Mr Fraser is carrying on [some] designe that is not good, by his constant [pleading] for, and abetting those two persons, who are [accused] of factious [contrivances in possessing [people] wth: a Report that the President is to be turned out shortly & Mr: Fraser to be Governour, one whereof is Mr: Fraser's Servant, and the other his Servants Instrument, Mr Fraser having been often desired to forbear his reflective Language &ca but finding him resolved in his way, wee thinke ourselves obliged to [declare] that we cannot goe on wth: the Rt: Honble: Comps: business in Consultation wth: Mr: Fraser upon such terms, and in such a manner, and therefore we do hereby admonish and advice Mr Fraser to forbear his reflective Language, and to use such a method in Debateing affairs as is consistent wth: the end of Consultations.

And if Mr: Fraser hath recd: any accusations or informations of frauds or injuries committed by Berra Kisna or others against the Rt. Honble: Company wch: he thinkes of import to be publickly examined [Wee] doe hereby require him as he is a Sworn Servant to the Rt. Honble: Company and of Councill that he communicate the same to us, and they shall be fairly heard and examined, but if he will not that he forbear interrupting other business wth: [needless] repeating and interposeing the mentioning and argueing of such things as he resolves not to [declare] or prosecute.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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Upon the reading the foregoing declaration Mr Fraser answers, that he will give his [answer] thereunto in writeing.

The farmers of the Arrac License having [offered] to give Pags: 500 ℔ annum for a License of [toddy &] the owners and renters of Gardens, and [the Importers] of Toddy from out Towns, and they yt: drink [Toddy] as well as those that use it for Brakeing Vinegar &ca: being concerned therein. It is ordered that Mr: Wright and Mr: Tredcroft do make inquiry into these particulars, and report a rate to [be stated] both for the farmers buying and selling [as well] to prevent injury to the Inhabitants & future complaints and Disputes, as to find out [ye: near] value of the ffarme.

Upon the arrival of the Maddapollam [from] Bengall [with] a cargo of rice, it sold in the Buzar at Ten or twelve mercall ℔ Pagoda, and ye: severall Committees who had hoarded up rice began to bring it out for sale, faster then the people would buy, but the Committees entring into a combination among themselves to keep the price of rice dear, put up all the Cargo at $10\frac{3}{4}$ mercall ℔ Pagoda and once [more] shutting up all the rest of their rice and Paddy again, to distribute [it into] their Buttecass, and sold it out to the poor people at the rate of six or seven mercall for a pagoda. But there being but a part of the said cargo delivered to the Committees, It is ordered that the remaining part be not delivered to them, but be sold by ye: owners at the rate of $10\frac{1}{2}$ mercall ℔ Pagoda by a few fanams to the poor people for their present supply and it is recommended to the Justices of the Choultrey to call before them the Committees who have bought and sold the said rice, and cause each of them to deliver one quarter of the value of what they have received and sold, to be distributed among the poor gratis for their satisfaction.

Ordered that the cotton received by ketch Josia be sold by the warehousekeeper by Publick outcry, at the Sea Gate on Thursday next, to be put up at Pags: 16 ℔ Candy and that a note be set upon the Sea Gate and Choultrey for that purpose.

The President read his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for the month of October the Balance being Pags: 2954: 13: 3 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accot: of Passes for Do. month and paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 2: 24 on yt: accot.

Ordered that Pags: 450 be paid to Mr: Tho: Wright being for a Bill drawn by the Deputy Governr: and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 28th of [October last].

The Beetle farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 516: 24 on that accot:

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymastr: for defraying charges of Garrison.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

8. Padre Miguel brought a lre: to ye: Presidt: wch: he had received [from] his correspondent at Surrat. Translate whereof was sent to the Councill and is as follows Vizt. I write you this that you may understand what hath passed here. In this Citty all things [are in great] confusion, by reason of five Moors ships lately rob'd by Pirats vizt one which belong'd to Abdul Gopa, two from Cambaia, one from Broch, and wch: occasions the greater Rumour the fifth belongs to the King [&] was rob'd near Bombay 40 Moors were slain [in the] fight and many Fucquiers dangerously wounded and som women Ravished all which is charged

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by the people [publickley in the streets upon y^e^: English] and they say that the English of Bombay have held private inteligence w^th^: the Pirates, and confirm it by alledging that they knew severall English men amongst the Pirats, whom they had seen in Surat w^th^: their servants and two small vessells, which they had used to see in Bombay. They allso adde, that a Ship ffreighted by the Moors of the English, in returne from Moco, sent her boat to the Pirats, and the Pirats sent theirs to the s^d^: ship, and that the Ship Benjamin in passing from Bombay for Surrat: had communication w^th^: the Pirats in y^e^: Night, and that the Pirats sent to the Castle of Bombay that from thence they might receive orders. Thô these things are publickly discoursed in the streets, yet the wiser sort and such as are not provoked against the English give no credit thereunto, nor will allow themselves to believe, that the English having their people in Surrat, Bengall, and many other places Kingdoms & Citties of the Mogull, would thus expose the hon^r^: of their Nation and people to the injuries of the Moors.

The English do affirme themselves innocent of all laid to their charge, and I do not in the least doubt their innocence, but they trusted to it to much, and did not take due care of themselves, as they might easily have done, the Moors for Eight days together publickly murmuring about the robbing of the five ships, & accused the English as the authors & threatned them much. In the meantime the English were silent. The Cap^t^: of the Ship Benjamin remained ashore w^th^: halfe his Ships Company, nor did the President provide for himself. At length the Moors insensibly surrounded the English house, and set a guard upon them and on Saturday the $\frac{14}{24}$ September, put the President and all the English who were in the Comp^s^: house [in irons] and then imprisoned and put in Irons all [Englishmen] they could find in the Citty, except M^r^: Bouche[r and two] Private Captains, The number of the [imprisoned] is about sixty, who are all in the Comp^s^: house [all] the windows being barred, and they are [guarded with] Moor Souldiers.

On the same day the Cap^t^: of the Moors [guard called] me to the English house, and gave me a strict [charge] that if any of the English attempt to escape [not to] allow them a passage through the House [because] the affair concerns the King. I then asked him [leave to] visit the President, which being granted, I presently went to his chamber and found him well guarded as the rest of the English, which I could not see without tears (having allways been intimate friends notwithstanding the warr). Hee told me that all things w^ch^: are charged against him are utterly false, and y^t^: he would write all to the Gov^r^: of Madrass, but because they put him in Irons that day, I believe he could not have an oppertunity to write. I therefore promised him to write all to you, to acq^t^: the Gov^r^.

The Moors have taken away all the Arms that were in y^e^: Comp^s^: house particularly 18 brass Gunns.

In the midst of all these Evills there happened an accident w^ch^: makes the case worse, For the business had been Compounded for money, that y^e^: Kings officers should hide it from him, and the people were a little appeased, but one of the King's cheif Preists, called a Mufti, gathered all the peoples petitions together and injoyned the Gov^r^: & Cheif Officers of the Citty to [signe] a Petition to the King against the English, and sent it to the King's Camp.

For this reason it is generally believ'd the King (being very near) will Command them all to be brought [to] him in Irons to his Camp.

It is said the Petition desires the King to turn all [Hatt] people out of his Dominions.

In the Kings Ship was 18 Lack Rup^s^: taken by y^e^: Pirats besides what was taken out of the other 4 ships.

[8TH] Dispatch'd a Generall Letter dat: 7^th^: Inst: to Fort S^t^: David wherein they are advised of said news.

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1695*———

[8TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD^Y

Present

THE HON^BLE NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R PRESIDENT & GOVR:
M^R: WILLIAM FRASER M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Letters to Bengall and Vizagapatam of y^e; date, relating to the Surat news read and approved. Copies whereof are ordered to be entred after this Consultation for present privacy. SATURDAY 9.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

TO THE R^T: WORP^LL: CHARLES EYRE ESQ^R: 9^TH: NOV^R: 1695.
AGENT &C^A: COUNCILL IN BENGALL. FORT S^T: GEORGE

Our last was dated the 4^th: Instant. Wee [send you] inclosed the Translate of a Letter rec^d: from Surat by [w^ch: you are] informed that by reason of five [Moors shipps] being taken by the Pirats, supposed to be [English] the Governm^t: of Surat have caused [all y^e English] there to the Number of 60 to be secured [in Irons in] the Factory on the 14^th: September last [and we have] no reason to doubt the truth of this thô [when the] Josia Ketch came out from Bombay on y^e: [4 of September] his Excellency had received no news of [y^e arrivall] of the Moors Ships in Surat, nor of what [happened,] but we expect to receive from him more [particular] advices and directions. In the mean time [wee] thought it necessary to advise you all we [know] and thô there hath hapned the like accid^t: [before] and when the Moors were satisfied that those Piracies were committed by vagabonds of [mixt] nations, without order of our King or Company and against the Laws of their own nations they [have] at length quitted their pretensions of reparation yet the repeating of these Robberies upon so many ships at once to so considerable an amo^t: and one of the Ships belonging to the King himselfe, gives cause of further apprehensions, especially considering there is a Petition gone from y^e: Gov^r: and officers of Surat against the English.

Wee cannot foresee what the result will be or what orders the Mogull will give, Possibly their demands will be as formerly limited to Surat, and y^n: we shall not in these parts be so directly concerned, but if his orders shall extend to all the English in his Dominions. It is probable they may be calculated to reach the Severall parts near about the same time, and therefore it behoves us all to provide for the worst and the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: affairs in Bengall being under your imediate direction, it is incumbent upon you, to use your utmost prudence and diligence to foresee danger & avoid Surprize, which cannot be well mannaged without due privacy and union, and that you may be in y^e: better capacity of w^th: drawing all hither in [case] things should run to that extremity, get in your [money] from the mint, and the goods contracted for from [the] merchants as soon as possible, and make the best provision you can to be in a posture of withdrawing, with the least noise and notice and lett those sent to Pattana, Radnagur &c^a for Provision of goods com to you w^th: their goods w^th: all possible expedition, and give the necessary orders for securing the Ballasore goods and people as occasion requires, and spare not to send us advices by all oppertunities.

If the King William be not arrived w^th: you, there will be a great want of shipping in which case the Private Countrey ships must serve the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: occasions at a reasonable freight.

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Wee hope the Mary will touch at [Vizagapatam] in her return from Acheen, but for [fear of disappointment] you must prevail w^th^: one or two [of y^e^: countrey] ships to call there in their way hither, [they will gaine] an advantage by the sale of rice &c^a^: [and freight] of goods from thence hither.

Wee conclude you will receive som [intelligence] in Bengall by means of Surat Merchants before this can come to your hands whatever [that may] be ours is true, so far as it relates [to y^e^: trouble] at Surat, what we have written you [thereupon] is grounded only on a supposition, [that they may] allso reach those parts, and is intended, not to freighten but to caution you, when we [have] further advice we shall send it you [In y^e^:] mean time pray God direct and keep you and remaine.

Yo^r^: very affec^t^. freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWD. TREDCROFT.

P.S.—If any private Lrs. go by this Pattamar either from hence or from Vizagapatam, M^r^: Holcomb is ordered to send them in one Pacquet directed to the Agent, who may take care that the distribution of those private Letters may not doe you any injury in discloseing the news.

To M^R^: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF
&C^A^: COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

Our last was dated the 4^th^: Inst. This incloses copy of a Translate of a Letter rec^d^: from Surat, and our Letter now sent thereupon to the Agent [&c^a^:] in Bengall. The contents whereof you are to observe as if directed to yourselves (except the particulars proper to the Circumstances of Bengall) whereunto we have not to adde at present, only that you will be hereby admonished to mannage the treaty w^th^: the Sier Lasscar about your fortifications w^th^: the greater caution to prevent surprize.

Forward our Letter for Bengall w^th^: fresh and good Peons to Ballasore, and write to M^r^: Stanley &c^a^: to take the best course for speedy conveyance.

Lett no private Letters either from hence or Vizagapatam proceed to Bengall by this Pattamar but such as are by you made up in one Pacquet directed to y^e^: Agent wee are.

Yo^r^: affectionate freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Fort S^t^ George
9^th^ Nov^r^: 1695.

9. Dispatch'd Generall Letters of this date to Vizagapat^m^ : & Bengall.

MONDAY ATT A CONSULTATION.

Present

THE HON^BLE^ NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^ & GOVERN^R^:
11. M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Michael deSosa be Entert^d^: a Souldier in y^s^: Garrison.

M^r^: John Foquet Rentall Generall paid into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Cash Pag^a^: 212: 13 on acco^t^: Quit rents &c^a^.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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Received a generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 4th: Instant, and from the [Comedore &c^{a} at] Anjengo dated the 5th: October, [inclosing] list of stores wanting. Allso a Letter from Gov^{r}: [Pitt dated] y^{e} $\frac{2}{12}$ Instant adviseing that two ships arrived [at Goa y^{e}:] latter end of September from Portugall, [who report that 18 French ships sailed from France [for India before] they left Portugall.

By Private Peons rec^{d}: a generall Letter [from M^{r}:] Henry Stanley &c^{a} at Ballasore [dated y^{e}: 5 Sept. 1695] concerning the Nabobs Peons sent to [Bengall to] buy Beetle.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 14.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 509 be paid to M^{r}: Rich^{d}: Elliot being for one Bill of Exchange dated y^{e}: 4th: Instant Drawn by the Deputy Gov^{r}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David.

M^{r}: William Fraser Warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: of goods sold, and M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer Pag^{s}: thirteen hundred on account Sea Customs.

Ordered that Manuel Gonsalves be entertained as a souldier in this Garrison for 2 yeares.

M^{r}: John Foquet Rentall General produceing an acc^{t}: Curr^{t}: of Quitt rents ending September 1694: It is observed that there is Pag^{s} 142: 11 fanams not collectable being the quitt rent of about one thousand houses & shops, the greatest part whereof belong to poor people uncapable of paying and whose houses the Collector has severall times searched for something to [distrain] but could never find anything of greater value then an Earthen Pott for boiling of Victuals, and, some of the houses broaken and forsaken, and severall of the shops moveable and fixd forsaken, even y^{e}: best shops which formerly had been rated at three pag^{s}: ℔ annum by reason whereof the renters of the shops chose rather to quit them then to pay so much and so, have stood all the year, upon complaint of the owners the Collector was orderd to compound wth: the owners at the rate of one Pagoda ℔ annum upon which the Chitties &c^{a}: have promised not only to keep their shops constantly employed but to make many more, the quitt rent whereof will more then compensate the abatement [on] the rest. Secondly that the Braminy &c^{a}: employd at 24 fanams ℔ mensem wages being indebted upon that acco^{t}: Pag^{s}: 113 upon examination they appear to have made use off Pag^{s}: 47 thereof for their expences more then their wages & it is allsoe doubted that they have charged to much by Pag^{s} 6: 14: [for Cooley] hire &c^{a}: Thirdly that there has all[waies been allowed] but the Collector Pag^{s}: twenty ℔ annum [for Palankeen] hire, w^{ch}: we cannot see reason to deny [M^{r}. Foquet] it appearing to us that he hath not only [approved] himselfe very diligent and Laborious [but verry] faithfull in the business. Fourthly [y^{e}: Braminy] is accused not only by common report [but by some] particular instances to have [wrong'd] the Inhabitants by exacting more from them then they [ought to] pay in changing the goods distrained [and there] appears reason to suspect that he had [otherwise] abused the Inhabitants. Upon the [result it is] resolved that the Braminy and Conicoply be by the Choultrey Justices confined till they [have] made good the Pag^{s}: 113 the balance in theire hands, and that they deliver all their acco^{ts}: of quit rent to M^{r} Foquet, it not being convenient that any cop^{s}: thereof remain in their hands, and that M^{r}: Foquet do for the present employ other conicoplies to assist him.

And it is resolved to be the best method that the quit-rents be collected and paid in by the Cheifs of the Casts, according to the rent rowle to be annually made, in

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order to w^{ch} : Narrain was orderd to discourse wth : the cheifs of the Casts whereby if it can be effected, not only the aforesaid inconveniencies will be prevented, and the losse saved w^{ch} : otherwise will yearly happen, partly by the incapacity of the Poor people and partly by charges of Conicoplies &c^{a} : w^{ch} : will never prove less then a tenth part of the Amount of the quit rents.

The Mucquaw men having hitherto refused to pay quit rent, but in the year 1693, wee [were] forced to accept of their Labour in lieu thereof to fill up the Ditch near S^{t} : Thomas' Gate and have this year upon that acco^{t} hitherto refused to proceed as usuall in the repairs of their [Mussulas,] but having at length agreed to the payment thereof upon condition they may have the ffarme of the ffishery when the term of the present ffarmer is expired. It is agreed that the Mucquaw men shall have the preference therein.

An order of the Court of Committees relating to M^{r}: William Morrice dated the 17th Feb^{y} : 1692-3 being produced and read it is ordered to be Entred after this Consultation, and he by virtue thereof being to [commence] merchant one year before the rest of the Factors that came out on the same ship, It is ordered that he now take place of them, they owning that they have nothing to [object against it.]

Ordered that Pag^{s} : one thousand be advanced to the Mucquaw men by the Paym^{r} : for y^{e} repair of their Boats as usuall.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : Seven hundred be paid to M^{r} : Alvaro da Fonseca being for one bill of Exchange dated the 4th Instant Drawn by the Deputy Govern^{r} : and Councill of Fort S^{t} : David.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

Att a Court of Committees holden y^{e} : 17th : February [1692—3.]

It is ordered that M^{r} : William Morrice who was entertained to serve the Company as a ffactor for five years be remitted one year of the said [terme] in regard the Resolution, on board of which he was, being in the Downs was hindred [from] proceeding on her Voyage by especial [order] from the Commissioners of the Admiralty in April last.

ROBERT BLACKBORNE, SECRETARY.

14. By peons belonging to private persons sent duplicates of our generall Lett^{rs} : of y^{e} : 9 Instants date to y^{e} : Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam, Incloseing Coppy of our generall lett^{r} : to y^{e} Agent and Councill of Bengall of ditto date, and Translate of a lett^{r} : relateing to the troubles of Surrat for theire perusall with orders to be forwarded by y^{e} same Peons to Ballasore.

19. Received a generall lett^{r} : from y^{e} : Comodore &c^{a} : at Anjengo by 2 Portuguez souldiers dated y^{e} : 14 Oct^{r} : 1695 adviseing of the troubles at Surrat, and from Fort St David dated the 15th Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

21. THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESID^{r} : & GOV^{R}.
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRAZER M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^{r} : Frazer Warehouskeep^{r} : read his acco^{ts} : of the Warehous and stores for y^{e} : Month of Octo^{r} : and paid into y^{e} : R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Cash Pago^{ds} : 400 for wine and stores sold.

Ordered that John Johnson a Portuguez be entertained as a souldier in this garrison.

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Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his accots: for ye: Month of October particulars vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pags:	974:	17:
Charges Generall		413:	14:
Charges Merchandize		51:	28:
Charges Cattle		55:	23:
Mary Buoyer		389:	7:
Charges Diett		246:	24:
Yegmore &cs: New Towns		=:	18:
Fortifications and Repairs		155:	30:
Vizagapatam Factory		14:	14:
Accot Currt London expended on the Josiah Ketch ...		50:	16:
Factors provisions bookes bought		4:	18:
	Pagodoes	2358:	29:

The Merchants acquaints us yt: they have delivered into ye: Godown ye: following Callicoes wch: remain to be sorted vizt:

Ginghams 16 Coveds	Ps	260
Fine Morees		100
And turned out cloth—		
Fine Neckcloths		340
Fine Morees		160
Ordinary Neckcloths		5000
Betellas 40 Coveds		52
Ditto 50		32

That there remains to be brought in to compleat the proportion of ye: following fine Goods vizt: Fine Morees ps: 50 and 40 Coved Ginghams ps: 405, and 40 Coved Betellas ps: 60 and 50 Coved Betellas ps: 33. Fine Neckcloths ps: 440 Course Neckcloths ps: 1400 in all Pieces 2888, but that they have brought in Salampores and long cloth above ye: proportion Pieces 1800, and therefore desire that ye: Cloth brought in wch: is yet unsorted, and also the turned out Cloth, may be all taken for ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: accot: at such prizes.

It is considered that ye: Merchants ought to have brought all in by February last, and that instead of 40 Coved Ginghams, they would impose upon us 16 Coved Ginghams, because there is more gained thereby, and yt: of 9000 peices cours Neckcloths only 24 ps: equall to muster att 37 per Pagoda, and about 4000 pieces taken in by ye: Sorters att a lower number by a Muster made att 40 per Pagoda, the rest Pieces 5000 are rejected by them as inferior to that Muster, whereof a great part verry bad and not fitt to send home to England, at present it is ordered that ye: sorters do resort the turned out cloth, and report ye: difference between them and the contract Muster, and as to ye: course Neckcloths, yt: they doe report how many are in theire oppinions fitt for ye: Europe Markett (dividing them into 2 or 3 severall degrees for more equall sortment) after wch: ye: prizes thereof to be adjusted and the rest rejected.

The Mayor and Aldermen haveing sent a paper (entered after this Consultation) representing ye: inconvenience arriseing from Mr: Wessondoncke his avoideing to answer to an action Entered against him in that Court (wch: he doth by keeping himself close shut up in his house to avoide the Warrants being served upon him) and desireing that some Method may be found out for executing ye: Warrants. The answer whereof is referred to Monday ye: 25 Instant.

Mr: John Focquet paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 117 on accot: Quit rent wch: sume is ordered to be paid unto Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster.

Leut: Seaton acquainting us he heard of a quarrell between Dr: Brown and Dr: Blackwall, upon wch: Dr: Browne was gone to a garden wth: a sword, he is ordered to take a guard and bring them both to us, and he returning presently with them reports that he found Dr: Blackwall at his house, and Dr: Browne

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returning from the Garden, upon examining them they agreed y^t: there were words of quarrell between them at D^r: Blackwalls House, but that D^r: Blackwall did not goe from his House. D^r: Browne appeareing to have drunke to much and not capable of an examination It is ordered that he be committed to y^e: Custody of y^e: Guard in y^e: Fort, and that to-morrow morning the Mayor doe examine the parties and wittnesses and that if it shall appear that one or both did give or receive a challenge, that the Person so offending be committed to y^e: Custody of the Marshall till next Consultation day.

Discourseing of y^e: measureing grain for y^e: Custom. It is propounded to have all y^e: grain brought ashore in sacks to be provided all of a certain measure, w^{ch}: method is referred to further consideration.

Eleven Maldiva men cast away in theire voiage to Bengall on y^e: Coast of Gingerlee, and from thence travelling overland, comeing hither lately, y^e: President ordered y^e: Stewards Conicoply to furnish them wth: provisions at 6 Fanhams a day w^{ch}: is approved, and ordered to be continued till a conveyance offer for sending them to Maldiva, esteeming it a good oppertunity for promoteing a trade between this place and Molldiva and that they ought to be used kindly to oblidge the King.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
W^M: FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^S: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

To THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: & GOV^R: OF FORT ST GEORGE &C^A: COUNCILL.

Wee the Mayor and Court of Aldermen do make bould humbly to desire y^r Hon^r: &c^a: to take the accompanying petition of Shrof Muttamar and Arnashullum into y^r: serious consideration, and that you would be pleased to find out some Method to bring M^r: John Stephenson to acco^t: wth: y^e: said Muttamar and Arnashullum, and further (to prevent the like misdemeanours for y^e: future) that you would be pleased to establish an order for all Warrants Issued out by y^e: Mayors Court, to be duely served in order to have a heareing, and if any Person is any way disatisfied at y^e: Judgement of the said Court he has the liberty of appealing to y^e: Court of Admiralty, for we are apprehensive since M^r: Stephenson (one of our Aldermen) has shown soe bad an example others (if not by y^r: special order prevented) will take the same method as he has done, w^{ch}: will not only lessen y^e: Credit of y^e: Court, but be a discredit to y^e: English goverment in these parts of the world all w^{ch}: wee leave to y^r: Hon^{rs}: &c^a: further consideration and creave leave to remain.

Hon^r: S^r: &c^a:
Your most humble and obed^t: Servant
THOMAS WRIGHT.
Mayor.

Fort S^t George 21st: Nov^r: 1695.

22. The wind last night blew fresh, in y^e: morning wth: y^e: Ebbe increased, at 8 a clocke wth: rain, y^e: wind North a little westerly till about 11 a clocke and then turned by y^e: West to y^e: South, at w^{ch}: point it blew hardest, till about two a clocke it dullured but continued to blow fresh and rain a little that evening and y^e: greatest part of y^e: night, two things observable, that when y^e: wind blew hardest y^e: sea was at y^e: lowest ebbe, and in y^e: whole storme the wind did not blow between y^e: South East and North East.

14. Watching places of Cajans &c^a: blown downe. The Horse Stable, Powder House, Choultrey, and beating Godown untiled, and the 2 latter soe damaged in y^e: walls that there is a necessity of rebuilding of them. The Copper base of y^e: Flagg staffe blown off. The Trees in y^e: Fort and within y^e: walls blown up by

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y^e^ : roots or broken in y^e^ : body, or y^e^ : branches all broken off, Halfe y^e^ : Centrey Box of Charles point blown away and the topps of those by y^e^ : Fort, and Choultrey gate blown off. Five Mussulas blown away and others broken by y^e^ : violence of the wind.

From y^e^ : barr to S^t^ : Thomas point y^e^ : sea mett y^e^ ; river except in y^e^ : highest part where y^e^ : Mucquaw houses stand, whereof a quarter part washed away by y^e^ : sea or blown downe by y^e^ : wind.

From St Thomas point to Yorke point y^e^ : sea generally washed y^e^ : wall, the sea gate being defended by y^e^ : new platforme, severall Cajan Banksalls built for the keeping of grain washed downe, a few garse of Paddy and a considerable quantity of firewood washed away.

From York Point to Mud point y^e^ : sea hath washed down a considerable number of houses inhabited by Cattamaran men and poor people and y^e^ : sea run a considerable way into the streets through 2 gutters made by y^e^ : Current of rainwater.

The Houses within y^e^ : walls suffered little w^ch^ : are Tarras't but y^e^ : tiled houses were all in part uncovered, in the Black Town and Pettas all received damage and about $\frac{1}{10}$ part rendered unhabitable w^th^ : out repaire and $\frac{1}{10}$ part of the trees in y^e^ : gardens beaten down to y^e^ : ground, but many more shattered, there was no shipp in y^e^ : road but y^e^ : Maddapollam belonging to the Armenians, w^ch^ : was empty and was driven out to sea.

24. Received a generall lett^r^ : from Fort St. David dated the 19^th^ past.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 25TH.

Present

THE HON^BLE^ : NATH^LL^ : HIGGINSON ESQ^R^ PRESID^T^ & GOV^R^
M^R^ WILLIAM FRAZER M^R^ JOHN STYLEMAN
M^R^ THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^ EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Domingo Perreira an Europe Portuguez be entertained in y^e^ : Gunroom crew att 100 Fanhams per Mensem.

Ordered that the Paymaster repair y^e^ : buildings damaged by y^e^ : Storm, particularly y^e^ : stables, Powder House, Choultrey, and beating godowns, y^e^ : 2 latter being so defective in y^e^ walls that they cannot bee repaired to stand any time, therefore to be rebuilt as soon as materialls can be procured.

Ordered that y^e^ Paymaster do advance 100 Pago^ds^ to y^e^ Mucquaw men for building new Mussulas and repaireing the old ones, there haveing been blown away and broke to pieces in the late storme Seaven or Eight.

M^r^ Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer read his acco^t^ for the Month of October particulars viz^t^ :

To Custome of goods—			
Imported and exported	Pago^ds^ :	1044 : 16 : 15	
Ditto on graine	„	196 : 1 : 8	
		1240 : 17 : 18	
Severall bad debts &c^a^ : in 4 months ...	„	19 : 7 : 70	
		1221 : 9 : 28	
To Anchorage	„	6 : 0 : 0	
To Tonnage	„	19 : 16 : 0	
To acco^t^ : Salvage for Anchors poiz 7 : ct. 2 · q. 19 : lb. sold at 5 : Pa. per ^ct^ : ...	„	38 : 12 : 3	
		1285 : 02 : 31	

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Account Freight vizt :				
To shipp Martha for goods laden for viz ...	Pago	17 :	10 :	2
To ship Mary for goods recd : from Fort St. David	„	8 :	9 :	0
To Mary Buoyer recd : of ye : Master for what goods brought from Bengall more then his privilege	„	46 :	18 :	0
	Pa :	67 :	1 :	2
	Pagods :	1352 :	3 :	35

The Paymaster is ordered to pay Pagods : 28 to Robert Barely Cooper in full of a bill of Pagods 32 produced by Mr Frazer for worke done on ye : Rt : Honble : Comps : accot : from Jan : last.

In answer to ye : request of ye : Corporation relateing to Mr : Wessondonck mentioned in Consultation ye : 21 Instant. It is resolved that it be observed as a standing rule in both Courts, that when any person doth hide or absent himself in such manner as the officer finds reason to thinke that ye : party doth designedly avoid the serving of a Warrant then the officer [is] to acquaint ye : Judge of ye : Court of Admiralty or Mayor of ye Corporation, who shall thereupon, if they find reason to believe ye : Officer hath done his endeavour to find ye : party, order ye : Officer to read the warrant publickly and aloud before the Door of ye : House of ye : party absenting or absconding two severall dayes between ye houres of nine and twelve of the clocke in the Morning and shall make returne of ye : Warrrant served by Proclamation, and the Courts to proceed in heareing and Judgeing ye : Case, whether ye : party doth appear or not, and there being a mixture of severall nations in this place that none may pretend ignorance of ye : Language proclaimed, the Judge of the respective Court is to order some fitting person to goe wth : ye : Officer, and interpret the warrant as proclaimed in ye : language of ye : party against whome ye : warant is issued.

Ordered that Mr : Tredcroft doe on Thursday next produce Musters of Baggs made fitt for ye : measureing of grain, with ye : Method to be observed for a[s]certaining ye : Rt : Honble : Comps : Custom.

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

25. Shipp Conimere Merchant Edward Bell Master arrived from Bengall in 15 dayes laden with Rice &ca :

THURSDAY 28TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR PRESIDT & GOVR
MR : WILLIAM FRAZER MR : JOHN STYLEMAN
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr : Edward Tredcroft sea customer payes into ye : Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pagods : 542 on accot : of sea custome and Pagods : 67 : 1 : on accot : of Freight.

The Mayor of ye : Corporation representing to us yt : the Corporation is indebted Pagods : 2650 on accot : of building the Town Hall principall and interest of money borrowed with a list of an Assessment agreed by yt : Court amount to Pagods : 1265 to be received from ye : Inhabitants of ye severall nations and Casts resideing here towards ye : payment of said debt, It is agreed that ye : Mayor and Court of Aldermen do demand and receive the severall Sums mentioned in ye :

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said List (Coppy whereof follows after this Consultation) and that y^e^ : said list be returned by them signed by us with y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : seale affixed thereunto, to warrant y^e^ : Collection thereof reserving to ourselves a power of remitting, mittigateing or increaseing any sume as[ses]ed upon any Europeans, or Natives as reason shall be shown either by y^e^ : Mayor of y^e^ : Corporation or Party concerned.

The reason is because the Assessment is grounded upon a voluntary contribution formerly offered by y^e^ : severall Casts of y^e^ : natives, whereupon y^e^ : Mayor and Court of Aldermen proceeded to a proportionable Assessment on y^e^ : English and Armenians supposeing they would also freely contribute, but upon a triall made the Armenians doe refuse to pay anything alledgeing that there are but 2 settled Inhabitants y^e^ : rest transient Merchants, and that they doe pay taxes as subjects to y^e^ : King of Persia, and theire Nation is exempted by contract with y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : from Payeing Taxes here, the words of w^ch^ : Contract are viz. (neither shall they pay any other or greater duty in India then y^e^ : Comp^s^ : Factors or any other Englishmen born doe or ought to doe) and the Comp^s^ : servants being exempted by y^e^ : Corporation Charter, It is referred to y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : further orders, whether in such cases y^e^ : Armenians may be taxed or noe.

M^r^ : Edmund Montague prov^ll^ : land Customer payes into y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^s^ : Cash Pago^ds^ : 31 : 18 : 4 : on acco^t^ : of duties belonging to y^e^ : Town Conicoplies, and Pago^ds^ : 151 : 31 : 15 : on acco^t^ : of y^e^ : Peddenaigues duty being what received on those acco^ts^ : at y^e^ : Choultrey for twelve Months past, as by y^e^ acco^ts^ thereof now produced and read, also read his acco^t^ of y^e^ land Customs for the Month of October last particulars viz^t^

Choultrey Custome	Pag^s^	46 :	27 : 25
Triblecane Custome	...	= :	8 : 10
Rubie Broakers	...	10 :	31 : =
Cloth Broakers	...	3 :	34 : 63
Fines	...	11 :	18 : =
Confiscations	...	2 :	30 : 27
Registring Slaves	...	30 :	16 : =
	Pago^ds^	106 :	21 : 45

The Warehouskeep^r^ and sorters report y^e^ sortment of neckcloths received from y^e^ Madrass Weavours to whome Pag^ds^ 450 was Impressed in Nov^r^ and Decem^r^ 1694, and by y^e^ said report, there is due from them Pago^ds^ 50 : 35 : 18 : being for abatements made on y^e^ Neckcloths, they being so much inferiour to the Muster in goodness.

Ordered y^t^ the said Weavours doe attend on Monday next. The following order for removeing M^r^. John Stephenson alias Wessondoncke from being Alderman of y^e^ Corporation, and appointing Cap^t^ George Herron Alderman in his roome, ordered to be written out signed and sealed by the President and three of the Councill, and to be delivered by y^e^ Secretary to the Worshipful Mayor &c^a^ in court at theire next meeting.

Whereas the Worp^ll^ Mayor of this Corporation hath from that Court represented to us, that there being an action entered into that Court by Mutta Marr Shroff against M^r^ John Wessondoncke alias Stephenson Alderman, y^e^ said Wessondoncke hath refused to Enter his appearance, and for a considerable time shut himself up in his house to avoid y^e^ serveing of a warrant and the triall of the Action, w^ch^ being a bad example and tending to the obstruction of Justice, and the said Wessondoncke haveing for severall Months notwithstanding due summons absented himself from y^e^ attendance on y^e^ Court as Alderman, and Whereas y^e^ Charter of this Corporation doth reserve a power to y^e^ : President and 3 of the Councill of Fort St. George to remove any person from being Alderman as often as they shall thinke fitt, and to place another in his stead. Wee do hereby remove

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and put out y^e^: said John Wessondoncke alias Stephenson from being Alderman of this Corporation and appoint Cap^t^: George Herron to be Alderman in his stead.

Ordered that Pago^ds^: 1000 be paid to M^r^: Tho^s^: Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
THO^S^: WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
EDWARD TREDCROFT. JOHN STYLEMAN.

An Assessment proposed to y^e^: Hon^ble^: Gov^r^: and Councill by y^e^: Mayor and Court of Aldermen, to be raised to pay in part for the Towne Hall.

The English to pay	Pag^s^	305 : = :
The Portugueze		35 : = :
Chittee Cast		200 : = :
Committee Cast...		140 : = :
Vellumwar Cast		30 : = :
Beljawar		40 : = :
Guntawar Cast		60 : = :
Ellewanawarra Cast		30 : = :
Ague Mooda Warra		50 : = :
Consalla Warra Cast		50 : = :
Guzarratts		100 : = :
Armenians		60 : = :
Carcala Warra Cast		10 : = :
Curnum Warra Cast		30 : = :
Outa Warra Cast		10 : = :
Salavar Cast		10 : = :
Janre Warra Cast		10 : = :
Saccala Warra Cast		10 : = :
Gulla Warra Cast		5 : = :
Chumada Warra Cast		5 : = :
Coja Warra Cast		10 : = :
Christian Polla Warra Cast		15 : = :
Christian Chumbudoo Warra Cast		5 : = :
Mungala Warra Cast		10 : = :
Vellam pillam Cast		5 : = :
Canance Cast		5 : = :
Indiawarra Cast		10 : = :
Wadraware Cast		5 : = :
Chittee Geree Cast		5 : = :
Comrawar Cast		5 : = :
	Pagod^s^	1265 : = :

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26^th^: Nov^r^: 1695.

THOMAS WRIGHT.
MAYOR.

Locus Sigili. Wee the President and Councill of Fort St. George doe approve of y^e^: Assessment or Tax therein proposed and consent that y^e^: same be demanded or levied by the Worp^ll^: Mayor and Court of Aldermen, from y^e^: Casts and persons respectively assessed given under our hands and y^e^ seal of y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Company in Fort St. George this 28 day of Nov^r^: 1695.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
THO^S^: WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
ED^D^: TREDCROFT. JOHN STYLEMAN.

[30TH] This Evening arrived from Fort St. David M^r^: Hatsell and brought with him a generall lett^r^: dated the 26^th^ Instant w^th^: Coppy of theire Diary and Consultations comenceing the primo January 1694–5 Ending the 16 Nov^r^: 95 and theire acco^t^: Curr^t^: w^th^: Fort St. George Ending ultimo Apprill last.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY DECEMBER 2d.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: WILLIAM HATSELL
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

MR: Hatsell being of Councill by Comission takes his place accordingly.

Discoursed of ye: affaires of Fort St. David but nothing resolved.

Ordered that Pagods: 300 be paid to Mr: William Hatsell being for one bill of exchange drawn by himself and Councill dated ye: 26 past, as advised in theire generall lettr: of ditto date.

John Coventrey haveing from St. Thoma desired Mr: Blackwall by a lettr: to obtaine leave for sending his Household goods to him, and desireing Mr: Blackwall to be his attorney for recovering his debts here. It is agreed that ye: following answer be given thereunto. That when Mr Coventrey doth returne he may take possession of what belongs to him, and enjoy ye: like priviledge in the Courts as other persons doe.

The Accomptant haveing drawn out ye: generall bookes on accot: of ye: Fines therein entered paid into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash from ye: Choultrey &ca: from September 1690 to ye: ultimo October last amot: to Pags: 1153: 3: and the President and Councill haveing before that time paid into ye: Corporation ye: half of all Fines, and the Rt: Honble: Company haveing ordered all due encouragement and assistance to the Corporation, wch: they want at this time to pay of ye: Town Hall debt for prevention of further Interest, It is ordered that ye: half thereof be paid to ye: Mayor of the Corporation being Pagods: 576: 19: 3: for wch: there are two further reasons vizt: ye: Fines received in the Choultrey are generally of yt: nature as properly belong to the Corporation, and the Court of Admiralty doe make as much use of ye: Town Hall for holding theire Courts as the Court of Mayor and Aldermen.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

The following order was signed by ye: President and Councill. TUESDAY

Doctor Blackwall being verry importunate for leave to goe to Fort St. David 3. for a Month to looke after his gardens, and Houses wch: he alleadges will otherwise suffer considerable damage, and he haveing given security not to absent himself from this place without our leave, it is agreed that he have leave to goe and returne within the Month.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WM: FRAZER.
WM: HATSELL.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

This morning Mr: Elliot set out for Fort St. David by whome sent a generall 4. lettr: of yesterdayes date to Mr: Jon: Haynes &ca: Councill.

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THURSDAY 5. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM: FRAZER MR: WILLIAM: HATSELL
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Frazer warehouskeepr: payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1000 on accot: of goods sould.

Ordered that Pagods: 1000 be paid unto Mr: Thomas Wright paymaster for defrayeing charges Garrison.

Ordered that Mr: Chapman be discharged from his Confinement from ye: Inner Fort upon his giveing his owne bond for 100 Pags: for behaveing himself civily and peaceably for ye: future.

There being a credible report yt: the Morattas army consisting of about 15000 men, are comeing into these parts, part whereof have already met with Cossim Cawn ye: Nabob of Seerpaw, and defeated him, and yt: the Moors army are preparing to decamp and to send theire families to severall places for protection and its probable yt: severall of them will repair hither in greater numbers then is convenient to admitt. Its ordered that 50 or 60 of the best Peons procurable bee entertained to strengthen ye: outwatches, and tho it be Convenient that ye: families of ye: officers of ye: Camp, and men in distres be admitted for protection, yet due care is to be taken to prevent ye: encrease of armed Moors, especially not to admitt them within the Black Towne and that when any families or treasure comes, it be declared to them, that they are to looke after all theire owne things, and yt: wee will not be chargeable or responsible for loss severall Moor men haveing formerly pretended great losses and complained to ye: Nabob, but it did afterwards appeare that they lost nothing.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

6. Mr: Wright went to ye: Mount to looke after the lopping and sending of branches of firewood trees fit for growth to be planted at Yegmore &ca: new Towns.

7. Dispatched a generall lettr: of this date to Fort St. David.

MONDAY 9. No Consultation it being deferred that ye: sorters may view ye: Merchants Cloth, and ye: following order was sent to ye: Councill and signed vizt.

Ordered that Mr: Hatsell doe assist in viewing sorting and reporting ye: Merchants cloath mentioned in Consultation ye: 21 past.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

TUESDAY 10TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: WILLIAM: HATSELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The mudd walls round about ye: black Towne being by ye: late rains broken into severall gaps wch: gives a free passage into the black Towne, in the night,

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Its resolved necessary to repaire y^e^: same, to prevent so great a number of people from stealing into y^e^: black Towne w^ch^: dayly flock from y^e^: adjacent places for feare of y^e^: Morattas and that y^e^: Paymast^r^: do employ and for y^e^: present pay a sufficient number of Coolies that it may be finished w^th^: all expedition, the reimbursement of what is expended thereon is referred to further consideration whether out of y^e^: new raised revenues or otherwise.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
W^M^: FRAZER.
W^M^: HATSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^S^: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

Received a generall lett^r^: from Fort St. David dated 7 Instant with a lett^r^: to M^r^: Hatsell from Gov^r^: Pitt, also a generall lett^r^: from y^e^: Agent and Councill of Bengall dated y^e^: 16 Nov^r^: last w^ch^: came by shipp Satisfaction Cap^t^: Morgan Comander to Tringombarr, and by y^e^: Gov^r^: sent to Fort St. David w^th^: Coppy of an Entrey made in Consultation by M^r^: Braddyl relateing to y^e^: late Generalls orders w^ch^: appointed M^r^: Eyres Agent of Bengall in y^e^: roome of M^r^: Ellis. 10TH.

Dispatched a generall lett^r^: to Fort St. David of yesterdayes date incloseing an acco^t^: of severall Entryes to be made in theire generall bookes. 11.

Shipp Experiment Tho^s^: Brennock master arrived from Bengall, by whome rec^d^: a generall lett^r^: from M^r^: Ellis dated y^e^: 20^th^: November 1695.

Boat Narsinga arrived in this road from Vizagapatam brought us a generall lett^r^: from y^e^: chief &c^a^: dated 28^th^: & 30^th^: Nov^r^: w^th^: Coppies of theire Diary and Consultations from y^e^: [*Lacuna in the original*] to y^e^: [*Lacuna in the original*] D^o^: said Lett^r^: advices that they have drawn four bills upon us for Pago^s^: 1569: 13: coppies whereof came inclosed.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 12.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRAZER M^R^: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R^: THO^S^: WRIGHT
M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pago^ds^: 1646: 26: be paid to M^r^: Tho^s^: Wright being both Principall and Interest due on a bond given to John Dolben Esq^r^:, and M^r^: Tho^s^: Wright for 1500 Pag^s^: dated 20^th^: Decem^r^: 1694.

M^r^: Frazer Warehouskeep^r^: read his acco^t^: of y^e^: warehouse for y^e^: Month of Nov^r^: last and payes into y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: 1000 on acco^t^: goods sould.

Ordered that y^e^: stores desired by M^r^: Braborne &c^a^: att Anjengo be got ready according to list, to send by y^e^: first shipp that goes with two Bales of Perpetuanoes ordinary one piece of broad Cloth Ordinary Red and one piece of ditto green, and whereas by theire Lett^r^: dated 5^th^: of October last they desired us to send them 7000 Chequeens, and both they and the generall depend upon us for a supply, but not haveing above 2000 Pago^s^: in Cash, Its ordered that Pago^s^: 7000 be taken up at Interest soe soone as procureable and that the Warehouskeep^r^: doe provide 10 or 15 Surat Rupees at the cheapest rate he can buy them, the remainder to be made up in Gold Mohurs Chequeens and Pago^ds^:, and if not enough of y^e^: former sort procureable, what wanting to be sent in Pago^s^: and that y^e^: Paymaster doe provide 2 Bricklayers 2 Carpenters, and 2 Smiths to goe by y^e^: same conveyance.

Ordered that 2 Candy of lead be delivered by y^e^: Storekeeper to the Gunner for makeing of Swan shot for y^e^: use of y^e^: garrison. The Generall lett^r^: from y^e^: Agent &c^a^: of Bengall dated the 16 Nov^r^: and from M^r^: Ellis dated y^e^: 20^TH^:

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ditto being read. The former complains of Mr: Braddyls disrespectfull behaviour to ye: Agent, and designe against ye: present constitution of Goverm^t:, wherein it seems Mr: Ellis hath been soe farr influenced by Mr: Braddil or concurred w^th; him that by ye: said Lettr: he claimes ye: Agency has been taken from him by fraud and violence.

Upon our peruseall of our Consultation dated ye: 23d: September last sent to Bengall by 2 conveyances, It does appear to containe a sufficient answer so farr as Mr: Braddyl is concerned, and as to Mr: Ellis's claime he desires us to represent to the Company, and therefore noe reason to apprehend he will make any disturbance there. That point haveing also been formerly answered by our Lettrs: to ye: Agent and Councill.

Ordered that Pagods: 200 be paid Mr: Sowdon on accot: of Bills drawn upon us by ye: Deputy Govr: and Councill of Yorck Fort.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WM: FRAZER.
WM: HATSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

14. Received a generall Lettr: from ye: Commodore &ca: Councill of Anjengo dated ye: 15th: November 1695 adviseing theire great necessity for a present supply of money.

MONDAY DECR: 16. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: WILLIAM HATSELL
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Paymaster produceing an accot: of Druggs bought by Doctor Brown in the Buzer for 6 Months past ending ye: ultimo November last amounting to Pagods: 12: 7: 45: It is ordered to be paid.

Ordered that Robert Barely be entertained as one of ye: Gunn Roome Crew.

Ordered that Pagods: 1000 be paid to Mr: Daniel Chardin and Mr: Joseph Hillier Churchwardens of St. Maries Pagods: 203: 2cas: to Monsr: Masson, and Pagods: 290: 32: 4: to Messrs. John Styleman and Thomas Wright, and Pagods: 75: 16: 4: to Mr: John Styleman, being for 4 bills of exchange drawn by ye: Cheife and Councill of Vizagapatam dated ye: 28th: November last as advised in theire generall Lettrs: dat: 28th: and 30th: ditto.

Mr: John Focquet Rentall Generall produces an accot: of ye: Quit Rents &ca: amot: to Pagods: 3211: 12: Collected by him ending Sepr: 1695, the Ballance whereof being Pags: 41: 19: he now payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash.

The Beetle Farmers and Tobacco Farmers paying into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 516: 24: on that accot: And ye: Arrack Farmers Pagods: 166: 24: on that accot.

Ordered that Pagods: 724: 31: be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defrayeing Charges Garrison.

Ordered that one hundred weight of Tobacco recd: by the Josiah Ketch from Bombay be sent to Fort St. David by ye: first conveyance, and one hundred weight to Yorke Fort, and halfe a hundred weight delivered to the Paymaster to dispose off among the souldiers, and ye: Warehouskeepr: to sell ye: rest as Chapmen offer, not under 6 Fanhams a pound, which low price is sett as being above ye: Invoyce price and the Tobacco damaged.

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Ordered that y^e^: sea customer doe cause 500 Baggs to be made to containe eight Mercall of Rice, grain and tenn of Paddy for y^e^: bringing of grain ashoare, and that y^e^: Warehousekeeper doe deliver gunnies for that purpose, y^e^: sea customer payeing for y^e^: same to be reimbursed out of y^e^: following Duties to be received from y^e^: Importers for y^e^: use of y^e^: said Baggs viz^t^: Paddy one Garse 2 fanhams, Rice &c^a^: grain and seeds three fanhams one Garse the said duty to be received by those who shall be appointed to keep an acco^t^: of y^e^: grain and to encrease theire diligence and fidelity that they be allowed to take to themselves y^e^: profit gained by y^e^: said dutys after y^e^: charges of y^e^: Baggs are deducted, and M^r^: James Sowdon and M^r^: Gulstown Addison (the present under searchers) are appointed to looke after and keep y^e^: acco^t^: of graine Imported under y^e^: Sea Customer.

NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Received a generall lett^r^: from Fort St. David dated y^e^: 12^th^: Instant adviseing that 12000 Moratta Horse were come to Chingee. 16.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 17.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: & GOV^R^:
M^R^ WILLIAM FRAZER M^R^: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Resolved that y^e^: following order be written out and affixed upon the Sea Gate and the Inner Fort viz.

Duelling, Challenges, affrayes and Private Revenge being against y^e^: Law of God, Nature and Nations, and noe otherwise then for a man to be judge in his own Cause, where nothing but fury, wrath, Mallice and revenge are the rulers of y^e^: Judgement. It is therefore justly condemned as impious and dishonorable, notwithstanding which severall disorderly persons haveing been lately guilty of giveing receiveing and concealeing challanges upon verry frivolous provocations, in order to y^e^: prevention of y^e^: further growth of this great evil in this Goverment, Its ordered that if any Commission officer, by word writeing or message shall challenge another to feight with him, altho death doe not ensue nor blood be drawn, or any Combate be performed, yet y^e^: Challenger shall loose his Commission and be fined tenn Pago^ds^: and suffer one Months imprisonment, and find sureties for his good behaviour.

The like Punishment for those that shall reecive a challenge unless the challenged doe immediately discover the same soe that theire private revenge may be prevented.

And all other persons whatsoever y^t^: shall give or receive a Challenge as aforesaid shall be punished by fine and Imprisonment as aforesaid and find sureties for theire good behaviour and if any so offending be in y^e^: service of y^e^: R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: they shall likewise be suspended, or immediately discharged as the nature of y^e^: crime shall appear.

In case of a Duell fought w^th^: a drawn sword or naked weapon the parties shall be punished by double fine and imprisonment, as well as giveing sureties for theire good behaviour and y^e^: wounded party shall be paid y^e^: charges of his cure, and if any person whatsoever shall offend in a higher nature, the said offenders shall be punished more severely and esteemed as Contemners of all good order and Goverment.

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Mr: Frazer &cª: sorters delivering theire reports (as entered after this Consultation) of ye: Merchants Cloath ordered to be viewed per Consultation of 21st past, Its therefore ordered yt: theire accotª: be stated and produced on Thursday next, and they then sent for to adjust ye: prices of cloath taken in, inferiour to Muster and to resolve what shall be done wth: the turned out Neckcloths.

One Nelli Conte a Chittee who formerly lived some time here, haveing lately come to Ipere, pretending to have a Perwanna from ye: Nabob for the sole buying and selling of Beetle leaves in the Pullamullee countrey, and seized upon the Beetle leaves belonging to our Farmers as they were comeing to Towne upon wch: our Farmers doe refuse to proceed in theire Farme. Upon adviseing wth: our Cheife Dubash, Braminy and Mulla, It is resolved that they doe to morrow morning all three go to Nelli Conte and demand of him &cª: by what Authority they doe stop our Beetle leaves, and if a Perwanna from ye: Nabob be produced, yt: they endeavour to get a coppy thereof.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Neckcloths thus marked No. 45+: The Ginghams 36+ The Neckcloths fine 37+ The Morees fine 11+

In pursuance of an order of Councill of ye: 21st: past wee have received, viewed, and examined ye: Neckcloths beinng 5,000 peices formerly turned out, of wch: wee have taken in 6 Bales containing 1,800 pieces att 45 single Neckcloths for one Pagoda, and what left wee thinke not fitt to send for England, likewise wee have taken in one Bale and a halfe of Ginghams 40 Coved (that were formerly turned out) at 50 Pagods: per Corge, of ye: fine Neckcloths one bale, (also formerly turned out) but now taken in at Pagods: 14 per Corge, and one Bale fine Morees at 31 pags: per Corge, what remains are small parcells, and not enough of any sort to make a bale, except Ginghams 16 Coveds long of wch: wee have already taken in as many as contracted for, wch: is the report of

Att ye: sorting Godown
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WILLIAM FRAZER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

17. Dispatched a generall lettr: of this date to ye: Rt: Worpll: Adrian Visser Cheife &cª: Councill of Pollicat.

18. Shipp Sanquegory arrived from Bengall laden wth: grain.

THURSDAY 19.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDt: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: WILLIAM HATSELL
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Edmund Mountague Provll: Land Customer payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 167 on accot: land custom and read his acccts: for the Month of November last particulars vizt:-

Choultrey Custome	Pags	48:	1: 63
Triblecane Custome	„	:	3: 70
Rubie Broakers	„	13:	18: 17
Cloth Broakers	„	5:	30: 8
Fines	„	1:	=: =
	Pags	68:	17: 78

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Mr: Edward Tredcroft sea customer payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 260: 9: Fanhams on yt: accot: and read his account of sea customs for ye: Month of November particulars vizt.

To custom of goods imported and exported ...	Pag	63: 13:	10
To Ditto grain	„	48: 4:	=
	„	111: 17:	10
Deduct	„	2: 35:	50
	Pag	108: 17:	30

The Merchants accots: being not finished ye: adjustment of the prices of the cloth is deferred till Monday next. The Inhabitants between ye: Bridge and Queens Point haveing made use of ye: ground between theire houses and the old mudd wall for Houses, gardens &ca: wch: was left for ye: rounds to pass in ye: night, ye: most considerable of them being sent for, it was wth: theire consent ordered that a new wall be built a little further out so as to leave a walke for ye: rounds betweene theire Houses and ye: new wall, and yt: all ye: Inhabitants there do pay all ye: charges proportionably.

Narrain reports that goeing yesterday to the place where the Duans Farmers of *Beetle* kept theire Beetle, they found none there but a few servants and Cooleys, ye: Cheife Man Nelli Conte who is said to have ye: Nabobs Perwanna being wth: drawn as is supposed to avoid ye: demands of money promised by him to severall for obtaining his Perwannas.

Ordered that the wine licence be exposed to sale by publick outcry on Monday next for the ensueing yeare commenceing primo January 1695–6 ending ultimo December 1696, but to be continued till ye: 25 of March 1697 from which time it is thought convenient that all ye: yearley farmes be gradually reduced to comence.

JOHN STYLEMAN.	NATHL: HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT.	WM: FRAZER.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.	WILLIAM HATSELL.

John Coventrey haveing by Mr: Lewis expressed his desire of returning from St. Thoma, and withall his fear of being called to an accot:, the President did yesterday wth: ye: Councills consent, give Mr: Coventrey an assurance yt: he should not be called to an accot: for anything wee knew he had acted thereupon he returned to towne. 19

Recieved a generall Lettr: from Fort St. David dated ye: 17th Instant wth: Coppy of primo Laudo Punctiloes lettr: of thanks for ye: kind reception of his family, and Camp news advice ye: certaine of Donore Judahs arriveall in Chingee wth: 6,000 Horse therewth: they sent a lettr: from ye: Herr Pitt to ye: President dated 24th: N.S. wth: an extract (attested by ye: Secretary of Negapatam) from ye: Govr: of Gaule to ye: Govr: of Columbo, adviseing that an English shipp called ye: King William Capt: Thwaites Commander arrived there ye: 5th of December N.S. haveing touched upon a sand in goeing in, they were furnised wth: a Pilot That of 140 men he brought out 30 are dead and 60 sicke, they have leave to bring theire sicke men ashoare. 20

Att Tenerife they heard of 6 French shipps that had been there, and taken a Spanish shipp and gone for India, and that 3 shipps came out with her on ye: 8th of May (one bound for Surratt) but they parted Company neare ye: Cape where they were ordered not to touch because it was reported in Europe that 6 French shipps were gone to beseige yt: place.

The Councill was sumoned to peruse ye: foregoeing advises, but there appeared nothing whereon to ground a resolution till wee shall recieve a lettr: from Capt: Thwaites.

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SATTURDAY 21. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: WILLIAM HATSELL
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Generall Lettrs: to Capt: James Thwaites Comander of shipp King William at Gale, To ye: Govr: of Gale, To Fort St. David, Vizagapatam, and to ye: Agent and Councill of Bengall and to Mr: Ellis late Agent, also a lettr: from ye: Presidt: to the Govr: of Negapatam, all of this date read and approved to be sent away this day.

Bundle Shai haveing offered his service to cleare the present troubles about Beetle. It is ordered yt: Narrain doe treat wth: him and his Brother Merantulo lately come to Cundora and give us an accot: of what he finds theire intentions to be, but not to exceed the offer of 300 Pagods: to be made good by ye: Beetle Farmers according to theire Cowle.

JOHN STYLEMAN. NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
EDWARD TREDCROFT. WILLIAM HATSELL.

All the Lettrs: mentioned in ye: foregoeing Consultation were dispatched this Evening.

22 Shipp Mary Capt: Thomas Oyles Comander arrived in this road from Acheen and brought wth: him shipp Elizabeth *alias* Fortune, Capt: Oyles informes that six Dutch shipps who arrived at Acheen from Zeilone ye: 26th: October advised that they came from Batavia, where there was newly arrived from England shipp [*Lacuna in the original*] near 600 Ton Capt: Edrington Comander in about four Months.

Boat Gui Citteram came into this road from Vizagapatam and brought a generall lettr: from ye: cheif and Councill dated the 16th: Instant incloseing Invoyce and bill of ladeing for 48 Leather buckets laden upon said Boat wth: severall papers according to List.

MONDAY 23. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVR:
MR: WILLIAM FRAZER MR: WILLIAM HATSELL
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his acct: for the Month of November last Particulars vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pags	795 :	20 :
Charges Generall		348 :	31 :
Charges Merchandize		206 :	35 :
Charges Cattle		45 :	27 :
Vizagapatam Factory		7 :	7 :
Charges Diett		315 :	18 :
Yegmore &ca: new Towns		11 :	18 :
Fortifications and Repairs		46 :	12 :
	Pags	1,766 :	24 :

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Mr: Walsh delivers severall bookes and papers relateing to ye: Acheen voyage and severall lettrs: Bookes and papers brought from Tonqueen by Mr: Farmer according to list Entered after this Consultation, alsoe a bulse of Gold wch: weighs oz. dwt. 7: 8: valued at Pagods: 68 being a present sent by ye: Queen of Acheen in returne of what was presented to her by Mr: Walsh &ca, which is delivered to ye: Warehouskeepr: and a knife wch: seeme to be of small value.

Ordered that Mr: Wright doe lett ye: wine Licence for the ensueing yeare to be put up at Pagods: 150.

Mr: Wright reports ye: sale of ye: wine Farme for ye: yeare 1696 to Mr: Hillier for Pagods: 300.

Ordered that ye: Stores &ca: designed for Angenga be prepared to be laden on board shipp Experiment Capt: Thos: Brennocke Comander but not laden till further order.

Ordered that ye: Warehouskeepr: doe cause all ye: Tonqueen Goods on shipp Mary belonging to ye: Rt: Honble: Company to be unladen and opened in ye: presence of Mr: Farmer, Mr: Walsh, and Mr: Lowell, theire condition examined and reported, and those for Europe to be repacked.

Capt: Oyles was acquainted yt: his shipps ladeing for Europe is ready to send of so soon as he gives notice that he can take it in, and therefore was ordered to hasten the unladeing of the goods now brought from Acheen.

There being severall goods laden in Acheen on Freight. Its ordered that ye: Sea Customer doe take care that ye: Freight be duely received both for them and such Tonqueen goods as have not already paid ye: Freight in Tonqueen, but that such goods as have already paid in Tonqueen ye: whole Freight for ye: Voyage out and home pay noe Freight from Acheen.

Capt: Oyles haveing brought wth: him shipp Fortune *alias* Elizabeth he was ordered to deliver to us all papers relateing to ye: said shipp, wherein he is at present hindred by a suddain anguish indisposition.

The Warehouskeepr: payes into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pagods: 1000 on accot: of goods sold, and reports yt: a quantity of Surratt Rupees are not procureable for Angenga. Its ordered that Mr: Stone buy about 2000 Pagods of Acheen gould, to be paid for by ye: President as bought. Memorandum 1000 Pagods: is recd: of ye: Churchwardens of St. Maries, wch: is ye: same sume ordered in ye: Consultation of ye: 16th Instant to be paid to them, for wch: [a] bill was given thô omitted to be Entered in yt: Consultation.

Mr: John Styleman produces ye: Journall of the Generall Bookes and accots: Entered to ye: last of October 1695.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST OF PAPERS AND ACCOTS: DELIVERED BY ENOCH WALSH RELATEING TO THE ACHEEN VOYAGE.

No. 1. The Honble: Comps; accot: Currt:
2. Accot: of disbursements for diet &ca: for August.
3. Ditto for Sepr: Octr: & Novr: as per accot: particulars No. 4.5.6.7.
8. Accot: of disbursements for presents &ca:
9. Accot: Disbursement on Shipp Elizabeth, alias Fortune.
10. Accot: Money recd: for tonnage and passes of shipps.
11. Accot: Money recd: for freight of goods and Passengers on shipp Mary from Madrass to Acheen.
12. List of freight goods from Acheen to Madrass.
13. Bill of ladeing of shipp Mary.

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No.
14. Diary, Consultation and Lett^{r}: Bookes.
15. Invoyce of shipp Mary from Acheen.

LIST OF THE PACQUET FROM TONQUEEN DIRECTED TO S^{R}: JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, Y^{E}: PRESID^{T}: AND COUNCIL.

No.
1. Generall lett^{r}: dated the 25th of January 1693–4.
2. Generall lett^{r}: dated the 8 November 1694.
3. Invoyce of shipp Pearle.
4. Bill of ladeing of ditto shipp.
5. Attestation of 3 p^{s}: [*Lacuna in I. O. copy.*] Cloth wanting in a Bale.
6. M^{r}: Sams covenants with M^{r}: Keeling.
7. M^{r}: Sams obligation to ditto.
8. List of freight goods on board the Pearle.
9. Attestation relateing to M^{r}: Wooleys Business.
10. M^{r}: Blackmoors acco^{t}: disbursem^{ts}: for shipp Smirnaot.
11. List of Generall Stores wanting.
12. List of Medicines wanting.
13. Tonqueen Diary and Consultations comenceing 13th May 1693, ending 20 December 1694.

No.
1. Generall Lett^{r}: directed to y^{e}: President & Councill dated 21 Dec^{r}: 1694.
2. M^{r}: Blackmoores narrative of his voyage in y^{e}: Juncke.

LIST OF BOOKES

Tonqueen Journall and Leidger Letter R.
Ditto.....S.
Ditto.....T.
Ditto.....V.
Ditto.....W.
Ditto.....X.

TUESDAY 24. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRAZER M^{R}: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Cap^{t}: Oyles haveing last night delivered y^{e}: Secretary severall papers relateing to shipp Elizabeth alias Fortune the same are now produced and perused, being according to a list as entered after this Consultation, also severall Bonds taken from Englishmen at Acheen for theire [return] to Fort St. George &c^{a}: as per list entered after this Consultation. In order to a resolution concerning y^{e}: proceeding upon that shipp, y^{e}: Secretary was ordered to write to Cap^{t}: Oyles to bring or send as soon as he can his Journall or acco^{t}: of Proceedings in Acheen relateing to his Comission.

Ordered that y^{e}: Paymaster Impress Pago^{ds}: 100 to y^{e}: Brickmakers for y^{e}: carrying on y^{e}: makeing of Bricks this yeare on y^{e}: same termes as y^{e}: last yeare, when they run in debt loseing severall kil[n]s of bricks by suddaine and great raines.

Upon the perusall of the Tonqueen Generall Bookes there appeares in y^{e}: Journall W. foll: 23, that y^{e}: voiage to Siam consigned to Lemuell Blackmoor by y^{e}: Junke, is wrote of by Profit and Loss Tale 12736: 4^{m}: 2^{c}: and that sundry goods wanting in charge of M^{r}: Keeling are also wrote of by Profit and Loss 6899: 6: 9: for both w^{ch}: it is our opinion that M^{r}: Keeling ought to render an acco^{t}: and the question being put thereupon whither it be necessary to require security of M^{r}: Keeling for appearance when called, or in default thereof to confine him to y^{e}: Fort. It is y^{e}: unanimous oppinion from y^{e}: little converse each had with him since his arrivall, and y^{e}: report of M^{r}: Walsh &c^{a}: that he is subject to

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disturbance in Mind, and y^{t}: a confinement would increase it to a higher degree and that it is in vaine to expect security he being a stranger and hath brought nothing wth: him as yet appeares.

The further consideration thereof is referred till M^{r}: Styleman has examined y^{e}: Tonqueen bookes wth: M^{r}: Farmer who appeares to signe the five pair of Generall Bookes S.T.V.W.X. as framed by him and made a report of what they find thereon relateing to M^{r}: Keeling.

M^{r}: Frazer produced 25 p^{s}: fine paintings made by y^{e}: Madrass Painters of fine long cloth according to severall Musters, the Colours and flowers approved but y^{e}: Cloth proves soe course and thin Its therefore ordered that he deliver to y^{e}: Painters as many of fine Morees No. 11 + as y^{e}: Paint^{rs}: can worke upon.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRAZER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF PAPERS RELATING TO SHIPP ELIZABETH ALIAS FORTUNE.

No.

1. Captain Mawhoods protest against Cap^{t}: Oyles.
2. Translate of shipp Elizabeths condemnation at Surrat.
3. Translate of ditto attested to be delivered Cap^{t}: Oyles by Jacob Meekes and Henry Parsons.
4. Cap^{t}: Mawhoods lett^{r}: to Cap^{t}: Oyles dated 4th Sep^{r}: 1695.
5. D^{os}: rec^{d}: to Cap^{t}: Smithes for 1834 slabs Tinn rec^{d}: on board y^{e}: Elizabeth.
6. Cap^{t}: Smithes request &c^{a}: for y^{e}: delivery of 1834 slabs Tinn.
7. Dittos receipt for said Tinn.
8. Momentula's and Smithes order and requests to Cap^{t}: Oyles for y^{e}: delivery of 253 Eliphants teeth, and 27 slabs of Tinn and theire receipts for the same.
9. Cap^{t}: Smithes order and rec^{pt}: for 168 slabs Tinn delivered him.
10. D^{os}: order for y^{e}: delivery of severall things belonging to Cap^{t}: Jacob Barber and receipt for y^{e}: same.
11. Duda Bagees rec^{t}: for one Dupper of Butter.
12. Cap^{t}: Mawhoods lett^{r}: to Cap^{t}: Oyles dated y^{e}: 18 Nov^{r}: 1695.
13. Capt^{t}: Oyles Diary relateing to shipp Fortune &c^{a}: from page No. 1 to 29.

LIST OF OBLIGATIONS GIVEN BY Y^{E}: UNDER-WRITTEN PERSONS FOR REPAIREING TO FORT ST. GEORGE, FORT ST. DAVID OR BOMBAY WITHIN Y^{E}: TIME LIMITED IN SAID BONDS UNDER FORFEITURE OF Y^{E} PENALTIES THEREIN MENTIONED VIZ^{r}.

	Months.	Pago^{s}.
1. Roger Gostline	12	500
2. Richard Lett	18	500
3. John Wallis	18	1,000
4. Matt Courtis	18	500
5. John Blackiston	18	500
6 William Longorst	18	500
7. William Griffin	18	500

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 27.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRAZER — M^{R}: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The President acquaints that the cheif Dubash giveing him an acco^{t}: that he had discoursed with Bundleshai according to y^{e}: order of Consultation the 21st:

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[27TH] Instant, and that he returned this answer by writeing directed to his servant, wherein he sayes y^{t}: his brother Mādrantulo thinks y^{e}: Madrass people to proud, and therefore will not com to town, but if wee will either lend him 5,000 Pago^{ds}: or give rupees 4,500 w^{ch}: he has promised to Wottomchund that he will put an end to this trouble, and being yesterday acquainted y^{t}: the Junckan people had on Friday night placed Peons all round our bounds to watch strickly calling out to one another all night, and that yesterday they stopped Bratty Fierewood &c^{a}: from comeing into Town, y^{e}: President thereupon gave imediate order to all y^{e}: watching Peons that none belonging to Bundleshai, Madrantulo or other Junkan people be admitted into Towne nor noe goods to goe out till further order, and also sent 10 Peons wth: a Conicoply to every street in the Black Towne to make a list of every House inhabited by any persons belonging to Bundleshai, and that the Conicoply hath this morning brought an acco^{t}: of Houses Inhabited by [*Lacuna in the original*] all or most of y^{e}: Braminy Cast.

Ordered that y^{e}: same order be continued against admitting Bundleshai or Madrantulo, or any belonging to them and that noe goods goe out of Towne till further order and that it be further considered [what] to doe wth: those men in Towne who belong to Bundleshai.

A Generall Lett^{r}: received last night from his Excellency &c^{a}: Councill of Bombay dated y^{e}: 18th: Oct^{r}: last sent by Issa Cooley Armenian from y^{e}: Kings camp was read, and the Translate of a lett^{r}: from Issa Cooley to y^{e}: President by which wee understand that y^{e}: Generall doeth employ Issa Cooley to transact y^{e}: Surrat buisiness at Court and hath empowered him to treat wth: y^{e}: Mogul for a Generall Phirmaund, and concerning y^{e}: fitting out of 2 shipps yearely for y^{e}: security of y^{e}: Surrat Moors shipps to Moco &c^{a}: the newspapers rec^{d}: from y^{e}: Generall doe advice y^{e}: good news of y^{e}: Charles y^{e}: Second, Sampson, and Samuell being safe arrived in England.

The President doeth represent to y^{e}: Councill that he apprehends there is occasion for appointing another person besides Narrain y^{e}: Dubash to assist in y^{e}: managem^{t}: of publicke buisiness relateing to y^{e}: Countrey Goverment, the variety of Casts among y^{e}: Inhabitants and Joint Stock Merchants and that considering how affaires between y^{e}: Moors and Morattoes and how many belonging to y^{e}: Camp, and the Duans officers appeare some times to be friends and sometimes Enemies to y^{e}: place, that it is safer to make use of two intelligent persons rather then to trust wholey to one man in such affaires.

It is resolved that its safer that 2 be employed in assisting y^{e}: President in y^{e}: managem^{t}: of y^{e}: aforesaid buisiness and agreed that Ramapa y^{e}: Braminy be joyned wth: Narrain therein, he being well versed in y^{e}: English, Jentue, Malabar, Moors, Moratta and Persian Languages, and there doth not yet appear any Instance wherein he has failed in his duty.

Resolved that y^{e}: Stores and treasure appointed for Anjenga be laden on shipp Experiment.

The Presid^{t}: and M^{r}: Styleman offering each 1,000 Pago^{ds}: on bonds payable on demand without Interest, and M^{r}: Tredcroft Pago^{ds}: 1,000 on bond payable in 3 Months with Interest of Tenn per cent, It is ordered that y^{e}: same bee received and bills given accordingly, and that 2,000 Pago^{ds}: more be borrowed at Interest there being now but 1,500 Pago^{ds}: in Cash for y^{e}: Supply of Anjenga, to w^{ch}: place it is ordered that Pago^{ds}: 5,000 be sent by shipp Experiment in Rupees, Pago^{ds}: and Gold includeing an Ingott of course silver No. 59 remaineing of y^{e}: London Friggott silver, the rest to be referred to another oppertunity it being esteemed not adviseable to adventure any more on one bottom, till better informed about y^{e}: French and yet there is a necessity of supplyeing them wth: soe much, unless we were sure they will be otherwise supplyed, they haveing writt for 10,000 Chequeens.

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A Lett^{r}: to Gov^{r}: Pitt of this dayes date adviseing the news received from y^{e}: Generall relateing to the French. [27TH]

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THO^{S}: WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
EDWARD TREDCROFT. WILLIAM HATSELL.

Briggantine Mackrell Jo^{n}: Tyler master arrived from Bengall, the Master whereof advises that shipp Martha was full laden for England and y^{t}: shipp Sarah was ready to saile for this place. 27

Dispatched a Lett^{r}: from y^{e}: Presid^{t}: to Gov^{r}: Pitt of this date incloseing paragraph of a lett^{r}: rec^{d}: from y^{e}: Gene^{ll}: relateing to French shipps design'd for India.

Yesterday and to day y^{e}: wind blew so hard, and y^{e}: surfe so high, y^{t}: noe boats would adventure off.

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 28TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRAZER M^{R}: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: THO^{S}: WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Generall lett^{rs}: to y^{e}: Generall of India dated y^{e}: 24th: Instant to y^{e}: Gen^{ll}: and Councill att Bombay, To Cap^{t}: James Thwaites Comand^{r}: of shipp King William, to y^{e}: Comodore and Councill at Anjenga, and to Cap^{t}: Thomas Brennocke Master of shipp Experiment all of this date read and approved.

JOHN STYLEMAN. NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
EDWARD TREDCROFT. WILLIAM HATSELL.

30. Rec: a generall lett^{r}: from Fort St. David dated the 27th Instant wth: the Coppy of a lett^{r}: from Cap^{t}: W^{m}: Blundell Comander of the Russell Friggott, and a lett^{r}: from y^{e}: Heer Pitt Gov^{r}: of Negapatam, but directed to Fort St. David, adviseing y^{e}: arriveall of y^{e}: said shipp at Negapatam on the 22^{d} Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 30TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESID^{T}: & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRAZER M^{R}: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Comander of y^{e}: Russell Friggott desireing the Supply of 20 or 30 Lascars from Fort St. David, and they adviseing they cannot send them from thence, considering y^{e}: Necessity that y^{e}: Seamen of said shipp are most sicke, and not able to worke y^{e}: shipp up against y^{e}: Moonsoon. Its ordered that y^{e}: Paymaster doe cause 20 Lascarrs or as many as can goe in one Mussula to be provided so soon as he can, and some upon y^{e}: Comp^{s}: Mussula or otherwise, to theire assistance the charges whereof to be placed to y^{e}: Acco^{t}: of the Owners of y^{e}: Russell Friggott.

M^{r}: Haynes &c^{a}: adviseing that they have sent M^{r}: Berlue to Negapatam wth: a lett^{r}: to y^{e}: Cap^{t}: for the Pacquett. Its resolved that a lett^{r}: be sent to said Comander for delivery of y^{e}: Pacquett to the order of M^{r}: Haynes &c^{a}: Councill for fear he may scruple the delivery without order.

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[30TH] Wallacha Chittee y^e^ : farmer of y^e^ : Tobacco and Beetle haveing run in arrear, and for 20 dayes absented himself at St. Thoma comeing yesterday to town, y^e^ : President ordered him to be taken into y^e^ : Custody of y^e^ : Talliars on y^e^ : Choultrey and six Chittees now interceding for his libertie till Thursday and haveing given a writeing oblidgeing themselves in the penalty of 5,000 Pago^ds^ : for his appearance on that day. Its ordered that he be discharged for that time from the Choultrey.

Ordered that this Consultation Booke and y^e^ : Booke of lett^rs^ : received and sent doe end y^e^ : ultimo of this Month, and that y^e^ : Coppies be sent home to the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Company by shipp Mary.

JOHN STYLEMAN. NATH^LL^ : HIGGINSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRAZER.
EDWARD TREDCROFT. WILLIAM HATSELL.

30. The wind continues to blow so hard that noe Boats can goe off, and one Mussula attempting it was oversett. Dispatched a Generall Lett^r^ : to Fort St. David with one to the Comander of y^e^ : Russell Friggott at Negapatam both of this date.

Noverint universi per persentes me Richardum Darley de Madrass mercatorem teneri et firmiter obligari Gubernat' et Societat Mercatorum London Negotiant ad Indos Oriental in duobus mille libris bonae et legalis monetoe Angl' Solvend eisdem Gubernator et Societat aut certo suo Attornat, vell successoribq suis, adquam quidem solutionem bene et fideliter faciend' obligo me Heredes, Executores et Administratores me firmiter per presentes sigillos dat sigilas [*Lacuna in the I. O. copy.*] Die Apprilis Anno Domini 1695 annoq regni Domini et Dominae Guilielmus et Mariae Dei gratia' Angliae Scotiae et Franciae et Hiberniae Regis et Reginoe fider defensoris &c^a^ : Septimo.

The Condition of this obligation is such, y^t^ : if y^e^ : above bounden Richard Darley his Heires, Executors, Administrators and Assignes and every of them, shall and doe well and truely observe, performe, pay, fulfill and keep all and every y^e^ : Conditions, Coven^ts^ :, paym^ts^ :, articles and agreements mentioned and comprised in y^e^ : usuall Indentures of all such persons, who are entertained [by] the said Gov^r^ : and Company to serve in y^e^ : degree and Quality of Factors, at any place or places w^th^ : in y^e^ : Limits of theire Charter, w^ch^ : on y^e^ : part and behalf of him y^e^ : said Richard Darling his Heires, Executors, Administrators and Assignes or any of them dureing y^e^ : term of 3 yeares, or such longer time as he shall continue in their service are to be observed, performed, paid, fullfilled, and kept according to y^e^ : true intent and meaning of y^e^ : aforementioned Indentures, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and vertue.

Signed sealed and delivered Locus
in y^e^ : presence off RICHARD DARLEY Sigili

Noverint Universi per presentes me Thomas Heath de Madrass Mercatorem teneri et firmiter obligari Gubernat et Societat Mercatorum Lond' negotiant ad Indos Orientales in duobus Mille libris bonae et legalis Monetae Angl' Solvend' eisdem Gubernat' et Societat aut certo suo Attornat, vell Successoribq suis, adquam quidem Solutionem bene et fideliter faciend' obligo me Heredes, Executores et Adminis^rs^ : me firmiter per presentes sigillos meo sigillas dat [*Lacuna in original*] Die Apprilis Anno Domini 1695 Annoq regni Domini et Dominae Guiliel et Mariae D. G. Angliae, Scotiae, Franciae et Hiberniae Regis et Reginoe fider defensorum &c^a^ : Septimo.

The Condition of this obligation is such, that if y^e^ : above bounden Tho^s^ : Heath, his Heires, Executors, Administrators or Assignes and every of them, shall and doe well and truely observe, performe, pay, fullfill, and keep all and every y^e^ : conditions, Covenants, payments, articles and agreements mentioned and comprised in the usuall Indentures of all such persons who are entertained by y^e^ : said Gov^r^ : and Company to serve in y^e^ : degree and quality of Factors at any

place or places within y^e^ : limits of theire Charter which on y^e^ : part and behalf of him the said Thomas Heath, his Heires, Executors, Administrators, and Assignes or any of them dureing y^e^ : terme of 3 yeares, or such longer time as he shall continue in theire service, are to be observed, performed, paid, fullfilled and kept according to y^e^ : true intent and meaning of y^e^ : aforementioned Indentures, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain and be in full force and vertue.

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence off

THOMAS HEATH.

A List of Persons in y^e^ service of y^e^ : R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : English East India Company in Fort St. George &c^a^ : places on the Coast of Chormandell.

	Arrivall in India.	Present degree.
1. Nathaniell Higginson Esq^r^ : (Married E.W.)	Mch : 19 : 83-4	[Governor]
2. W^m^ : Frazer Judge advocate & Warehousk^r^	May 31 : 85	2 C[ouncil]
3. John Styleman Bookekeep^r^ (married E.W.)		4 Co[uncil]
4. Thomas Wright Paymaster	June 16 : 84	5 Co[uncil]
5. Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer	July 22 : 87	7 Cou[ncil]
6. James Sowdon	June 3 : 77	Sen : M[ercht]
7. Edmund Mountague Prov^ll^ land Customer		D°.
8. Matt : Empson Searcher at y^e^ : Sea gate (married)	July 20 : 87	
9. John Meverell receiver of the Sea Customs	July 22 : 8	
10. Richard Farmer	Sep^r^ : 20 : 84	
11. John Focquett Rentall generall	Oct : 15 : 87	
12. Enoch Walsh (married E.W.)	Oct : 15 : 87	M[ercht]
13. Stephen Fruen under y^e^ : President	Feb : 3 : 93-4	Fac[tor]
14. Joseph Hillier assistant to y^e^ : Storekeeper (married E.W.)	Nov^r^ : 23 : 92	D°.
15. Thomas Wigmore Secretary	Nov^r^ : 23 : 92	D°.
16. Thomas Penford assistant to y^e^ : Land Customer	Nov^r^ : 23 : 92	D°.
17. Edward Tompson assistant to y^e^ : Paymaster	Octo^r^ : 1 : 92	D°.
18. Matt : Mead Attorney Gen^ll^ entertained here (Married E.W.)	Jan : 1^st^ 92-3	D°.
19. William Morrice under y^e^ : Bookekeeper	Feb : 3 : 92-3	D°.
20. Thomas Marshall Register of y^e^ : Court of Admiralty	Feb : 3 : 93-4	
21. Thomas Lowell assistant to y^e^ : Warehouskeeper	Feb : 3 : 93-4	D°.
22. Gulston Addison under searcher at y^e^ : sea gate	Feb : : 93-4	Factor
23. Edward Bawgus Translator of y^e^ : Court &c^a^.	Nov^r^ : 5 : 89	D°.
24. William Vandennanker under y^e^ : bookkeep	Nov^r^ : 5 : 89	D°.
25. Charles Bugden under y^e^ : Secretary	Nov^r^ : 23 : 92	Writer
26. Thomas Harris under y^e^ : Secretary	Nov^r^ : 23 : 92	D°.
27. Batson Pearson at y^e^ : Seagate	Nov^r^ : 23 : 92	D°.
28. John Bulteel under y^e^ Presid^t^ in y^e^ : Mint	Octo^r^ : 1 : 92	D°.
29. Bezaliell Morrice under y^e^ : Secretary	Feb : 3 : 93-4	D°.
30. William Lloyd under y^e^ : Secretary	Octo^r^ : 1 : 92	D°.
31. Richard Elliott } Ministers		
32. George Lewis }		
33. Nathaniell Stone Assaymaster.		
34. Edward Buckley } Chirrurgeons.		
35. Samuell Browne }		

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36. Charles Barwell (married E.W.)
37. John Butterfield
38. Mathew Mildmay

} Gone to ye : West Coast.

Fort St. David.

1. William Hatsell Esqr married E.W. ..... Deputy : Govr.
2. John Haines (married E.W.) ..... 2 Councill.
3. Ralph Ingram Warehouskeepr (married E.W.) ..... 3 Councill.
4. Vicessimus Griffith ..... 4 Councill.
5. Trevor Games (married a Castees) ..... 5 Councill.
6. John Cranwell ..... July 22 : Sen : Merchts :
7. John Berlue Secretary .....
8. Charles Woolnough ..... Feb : 3 : 93-4 Factor.
9. Edmund Bugden ..... Novr : 23 : 92 Writer.
10. Henry Mompesson ..... Feb : 3 : 93-4 Do.
11. John Nicholson ..... Do.
12. Thos : Faucet Chirrurgeon (married E.W.) ...

Vizagapatam.

1. Simon Holcombe ..... May 31 : 1685 Cheif.
2. Samuel Owen (married) ..... July 30 : 1682 2 Councill.
3. Thomas Stables ..... 3 Councill.
4. Richard Bridges (Married E.W.) ..... Octor : 1 : 92 Factor.
5. Joseph Himners ..... Octor : 92 Writer.

LIST OF FREEMEN INHABITANTS.

1. Elihu Yale Esqr.
2. John Dolben Esqr.
3. Richard Trenchfield.
4. Alvaro da Foneseca.
5. John Afflecke.
6. Charles Metcalfe.
7. Hammon Gibbons.
8. William Cawley.
9. John Nicks.
10. Daniell Chardin.
11. Daniell Dubois.
12. William Proby.
13. George Herron.
14. John Wessondonck alias Stephenson.
15. Lawrence Bridgier.
16. John Coventrey.
17. Samuell Glover.
18. James Coventrey.
19. William Fowle.
20. Richard Lee.
21. Joseph Chapman.
22. Edward Dutton.
23. George Capell.
24. Christopher Allen.
25. George Pittman.
26. Simon Killpatrick.
27. John Brown.
28. Charles Fainter.
29. James Warback.

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LIST OF SEAFARING MEN NOT CONSTANT INHABITANTS.

1. Armiger Gostlin
2. Anthony Pennistone
3. Robert Masfen
4. Edward Fleetwood
5. Thomas Bwoyear
6. James Perriman
7. James Howell
8. Henry Lawrence
9. Samuell Hart
10. Samuell Prickman
11. Augustin Hart Dutchman
12. William Brookes
13. John Cockcroft
14. William Flocke
15. William Rider
16. William Griffin
17. William Legatt
18. Richard Phrip
19. Zachariah Stillgoe
20. John Smith
21. Thomas Child
22. Thomas Morgan
23. Thomas Shepheard
24. John Cotter
25. Henry Harnet
26. Thomas Lane
27. John Tyler
28. Samuell Dixon
29. John Mitchell
30. John Bell
31. Thomas Bell alias Gullock
32. William How
33. James Harris
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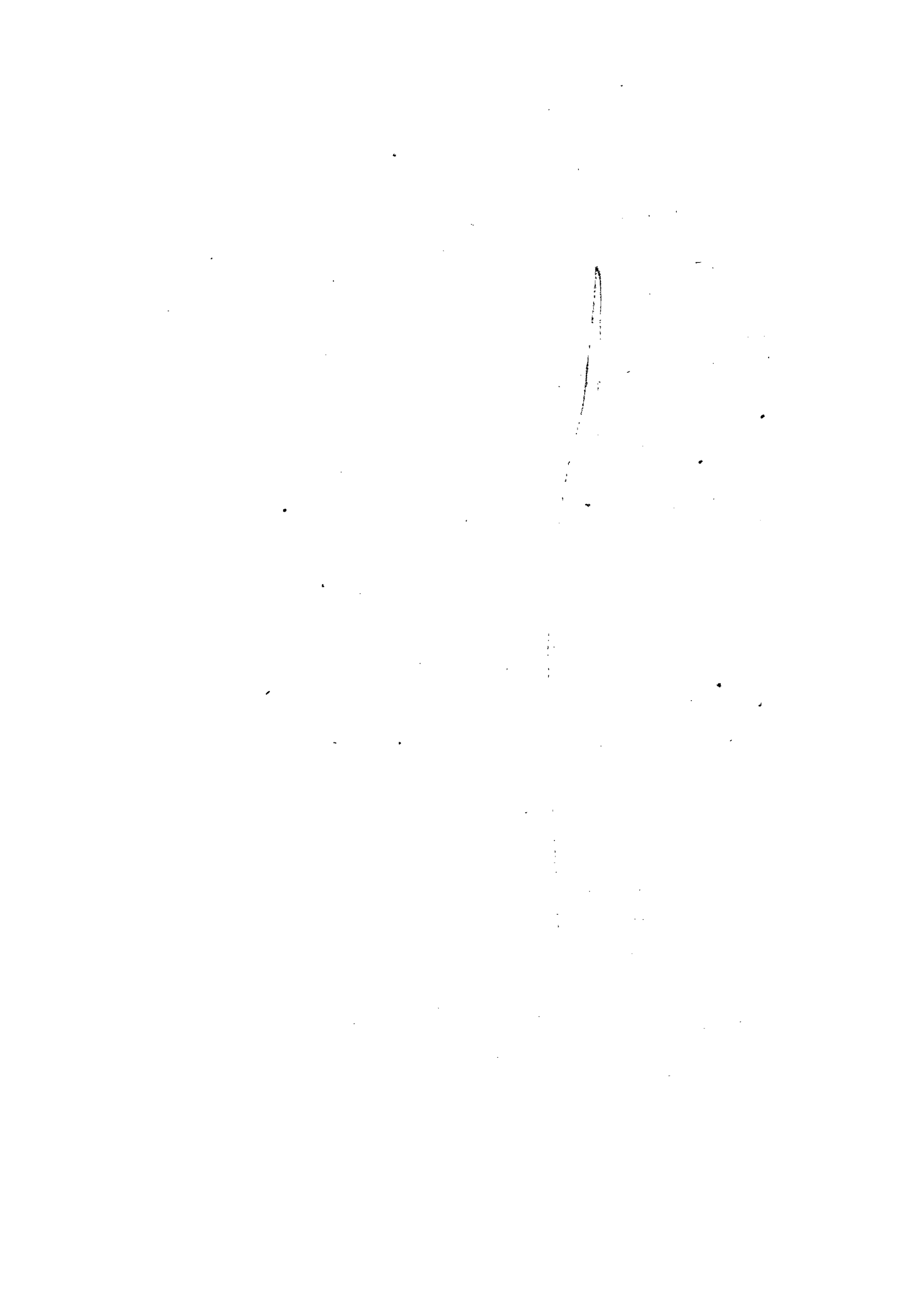

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